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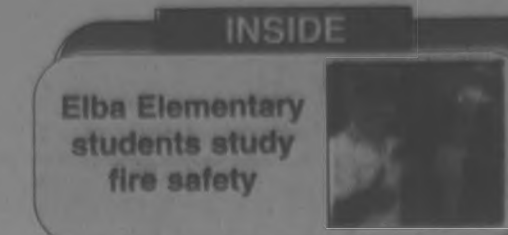
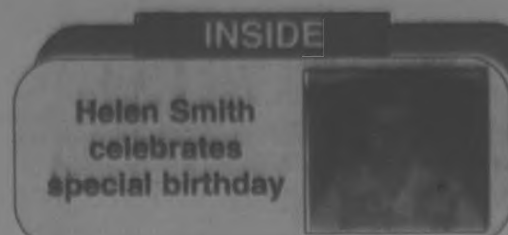
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## Groundbreaking for new Elba Diagnostic Laboratory set for Tuesday, Oct. 21, in Elba

On Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 10:30 a.m., the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries will hold a groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the new Elba Diagnostic Laboratory in Elba, Alabama. Commissioner Ron Sparks and other state and local dignitaries will be on hand for the ceremony. The building will be located immediately behind the existing J.B. Taylor Diagnostic Lab.

Commissioner Sparks states, "This is a great day for Alabama. With this new state-of-the-art lab we will be able to improve our diagnostic and biosecurity procedures. We will be able to enhance our animal and poultry safety programs for all of South Alabama."

The lab construction will cost

approximately \$2.2 million dollars with multi-source funding coming from a state bond issue, U.S. Senator Richard Shelby, State Senator Jimmy Holley and the Agriculture Development Authority.

With specific reference to the new state of the art Alkaline Digester Carcass Disposal System, that is a key component of the lab, Senator Shelby noted "The purchase of this system will allow Alabama to move into the forefront of agroterrorism prevention and response. Given the concerns that have been expressed about new animal diseases, I felt it was important for Alabama to have such an important tool for the quick disposal of diseased animals so we may prevent a widespread

outbreak and protect our agricultural procedures and consumers." "Agriculture is Alabama's number one industry, its represents 21% of our states workforce, a \$4.7 billion dollar industry that puts over \$40 billion dollars into our state economy. I will do everything in my power to ensure its ongoing safety", Sparks said.

Elba Mayor James Grimes, the Elba City Council, The Elba Industrial Development Board, Elba Chamber of Commerce, State Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer will all be involved in the official groundbreaking ceremonies.

A number of other state and federal dignitaries have been invited to the event but the VIP list is incomplete at press time.

## Brick disagreement takes center stage at regular bimonthly meeting of Coffee County Commission

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The agenda for Monday's regular bimonthly meeting of the Coffee County Commission seemed routine; however, the meeting was anything but that as a disagreement over brick consumed the majority of the meeting time.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple requested Joey Bradley, a associate of Waid, McNamara and Parrish, be present at the Monday morning meeting to discuss the Mount Pleasant Senior Citizen Center project.

Waid, McNamara and Parrish is the architecture firm hired to oversee this project. Dalrymple said he requested the senior center have a common red brick used on its facade so it would look similar to the brick on the Mount Pleasant Church. He also mentioned two different samples of brick in which Bradley sent him to look at for choosing.

"I have no problem with either brick, but they want extra money for the brick," Dalrymple said.

To this, Bradley said when he was designing the job, he didn't know what brick would be used; therefore, he said it is common to have a cost allowance in the bid proposal. With the bid proposal for the Mount Pleasant project, Bradley said he used a

cost allowance of \$200 per thousand brick.

After searching for the type brick Dalrymple requested, Bradley said the brick that best matches the church is one at \$224 per thousand brick which resulted in a total upcharge of \$624 for the project.

"This is not an uncommon thing," he said. "It is a very minimal charge actually."

However, Dalrymple did not agree with the difference in cost from the bid proposal. In his opinion, Bradley said he did not feel he would find the type brick Dalrymple requested under the cost allowance from the original bid proposal.

"I told you I wanted a brick similar to that of the church," Dalrymple said. "It's a common red brick."

He said he feels this difference in price is an additional charge and does not feel the county should have to pay more for the product.

Bradley said he would simply have to go back and find a brick within the cost allowance but could not assure it would be a red brick.

"I have no problem as long as it is a common red brick," Dalrymple responded. "I don't want it with different colors."

As the conversation continued in this manner for quite some time, Bradley insisted that if he had put in a cost allowance of

\$300 per thousand brick with his bid proposal he would be considered a hero Monday for saving so much money.

Bradley said the Mount Pleasant project is currently about 30 percent complete; however, the holdup on choosing a brick, as well as, a couple other decision matters including shingles could eventually force work to stop if something is not done soon.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook finally offered a motion to go ahead and accept the \$624 upcharge for brick and proceed, but Dalrymple said the job is not being held up because a brick has not been chosen.

Westbrook's motion died from lack of receiving a second, and Bradley completed his remarks by saying he would return to the office Monday and search again for a common red brick within the cost allowance of \$200 per thousand. He said he would submit a letter to the

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## Elba City Council amends annual budget adopted during September council meeting

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Monday night the Elba City Council unanimously approved a resolution establishing fees for citizens requesting copies of city records. The resolution also sets out the procedure for requesting these records from the city clerk. Under the new rules, the first five pages requested will cost \$1.00 each. Additional pages over the first five will be 50¢ each.

Mayor James Grimes told council members of a recent meeting in which the League of Municipalities explained which municipal records are available to the public and which records are confidential.

The council also approved another resolution. This one was a form necessary to move forward with a \$2,500,000 Industrial Development Revenue Bond issue for the new manufacturing facility for Toledo Molding & Die, Inc. which is building a new manufacturing plant in Elba.

The Elba City Council members had previously called for a work session to discuss the budget for the new year, which began on October 1st. The

## Elba holds festival despite rain



It may have been raining Saturday, but that didn't stop the people of Elba from coming to the square for the "Celebrate Elba 150" Festival. The festival was part of a three-day event extravaganza to conclude the yearlong celebration of Elba's 150th anniversary. The weekend celebration began Friday, Oct. 10, with a Prayer Breakfast followed by a Business/Merchant Expo on the square. Saturday featured the celebration ended Sunday, Oct. 12, with a reception at the Elba Chamber of Commerce in the afternoon followed by a community wide church service and the "History of Elba" play in the evening. Elba High School student Brianna Bailey was all smiles at Saturday's festival as she prepared for any and all weather conditions. On a side note, Brianna also participated in the "History of Elba" play held Sunday evening. Please see the Sesquicentennial Edition of today's paper for more scenes from last weekend and memories of Elba's past 150 years.

Chamber of Commerce, 329 Putnam Street, and Alabama State Employment Service offices at 312 West Gate Plaza in Andalusia and in Enterprise on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at the Elba

Applications to enroll in training to become production operators for the Toledo Molding and Die Inc. plant under construction in Elba will be available Wednesday, Oct. 15, at the Elba

## Elba automotive supplier opens trainee recruitment

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Trainers must complete the job preparation program conducted by Alabama Industrial Development Training which begins Nov. 4 to be considered for hiring which begins in mid-December. The plant will employ 100 production operators by the end of 2004. Applicants selected for training will be notified of the training schedule and location.

TMD, headquartered in Ohio, supplies injection-molded plastic parts for vehicle heating and cooling systems. Wages start at \$8 per hour depending on skills and experience. Employee benefits include medical insurance, paid holidays and vacation time.

Applicants with have a high school diploma or GED and at least six months of industrial experience are preferred. TMD will select employees

from the trainees who successfully complete the AIDT training program. Training completion does not guarantee a job offer and trainees are not obligated to accept an offer.

AIDT training programs are provided at no cost to trainees. Trainees are not paid by their potential new employer while enrolled in the program.

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## Area Happenings

**ELBA HIGH SCHOOL** will host its annual College Day program Thursday, Oct. 16, from 8:30 until 9:45 a.m. Representatives from numerous colleges throughout the state as well as recruiters from all branches of the armed forces will be on hand to speak with students and distribute valuable information. Parents of seniors at Elba, Kinston, New Brockton and Zion Chapel high schools are invited to attend the program between 8:30 and 9:45 a.m. For further information, call 897-2256.

**THE 2003 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON** continues Friday, Oct. 17, as the Elba Tigers travel to Calhoun, the New Brockton Gamecocks travel to G.W. Long, the Kinston Bulldogs travel to Cowardwood, and the Zion Chapel Rebels host the Bradley Bulldogs.

**THE 2003 OCTOBER BRICK LAY** will host its Fall Festival on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at the new Brookwood Memorial Park. The festival will continue throughout the day, and it should be fun for the entire family. There will be an admission charge to attend this event, however, donations will be accepted.



Kaley Moore



Veronica Paige Kidd seated with Miss Alabama Michelle Arnette. Kidd will be contestant #57 for Saturday's pageant.

## \*NOTICE\*

Elba's Animal Control officer George Homyak last week reported the finding of another rabid animal in the Elba area.

According to Homyak, a rabid raccoon was found in the area of N. Morrow Street last Monday, Oct. 6, and tested positive for rabies.

This is the second animal to test positive for rabies in Elba during the past month.

Aggressive wildlife animals acting with strange behavior is asked to call the Elba Police Dept. at 897-2256.



## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
With Ferrin Cox

We are apparently playing with fire by even mentioning the Ten Commandments debate. Members of the Alabama Supreme Court report getting death threats over this issue. Of course we shouldn't be surprised that there are so called Christians who will resort to killing to make their point. It has gone on for all recorded history. We continue to be amazed at the intense fighting and killing which has gone on in modern day Ireland between the two groups, both claiming to be devoted Christians.

Now, what got us on this kick. There is a case in a school up North somewhere and another in England that should attract those who absolutely support the right to express and/or show religious beliefs. In each case young Muslim girls have been expelled from public school for wearing a scarf on their head. Hey remember, it is a vital part of their religious beliefs. Of course we personally tend to support banning the scarfs, not because a scarf will hurt anything, but because there must be a freedom of "religious freedoms" means that everyone has religious freedom in the area plus those not so popular. We would personally rather keep the Ten Commandments in our heart than expose the entire country to existing and/or created religious doings which are far more intrusive than a scarf on a teenage girl's head... all in the name of religious freedom.

Those who attended the play (and almost filled the auditorium) at the Elba High School Sunday evening got a treat. It is down right exciting to witness such dedication. Both the children of the community who participated as well as the school teachers and other adults who give their time and energy to such a project deserve our salute. You see, the students researched Elba's history and wrote a play about what they learned. As if that wasn't enough, they then designed a stage set, various realistic costumes and acted out their play. Some of their facts we knew firsthand, others are considered very factual, but mainly it was accurate. These students will never, ever forget this particular part of their formal education.

There are rumors abounding in Alabama about another special session of the state legislature. This one is being talked of for sometime in early December. Good sources tell us it is seriously being considered. Now the rumors take over. While the administration is presently avoiding tax talk for this special session, speculation is cranking up with all sorts of "revenue enhancers." Of course if the governor doesn't include a particular item (or tax) in his official call of the session, it becomes almost impossible to corral the high number of votes necessary to pass something. Therefore taxes will more than likely wait until the regular session, starting in February 2004, for some sort of additional tax is coming. That you can bet the kitchen sink on and have a safe bet.

All that \$3.5 billion lawsuit money Alabama was getting ready to spend is gone. The Alabama Supreme Court sent the state's case against Exxon Mobile back to the trial court because of technical errors. The new trial gets underway this week in Montgomery. The oil companies probably don't want someone like yours truly on that jury. Somehow we feel strongly that this big oil company was actively stealing (or grossly miscalculating) royalty money from the people of Alabama. So, regardless of the technical errors, "guilty" should be the verdict. The amount of the judgement will take some study and debate. \$3.5 billion sounds like a whole lot of money, but then it may not be enough! "Let the fine fit the crime."

## State business privilege licenses due this month

The Alabama Department of Revenue reminds business owners that October is the annual renewal month for the scrap tie handlers' and state business privilege licenses. The annual licenses expired September 30 and must be renewed prior to November 1 to avoid penalties and possible fines.

For more information concerning license renewal procedures, business owners should

contact the appropriate county license-issuing authority, who is usually the probate judge or license commissioner of the county where the business activity, profession, or occupation is conducted, or contact the Alabama Department of Revenue, Sales, Use and Business Tax Division at (334) 353-7827. License information may also be obtained from the department's Web site at [www.ador.state.al.us](http://www.ador.state.al.us).

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commission later that day with his findings.

They recommended approving bids on a one year agreement, and one departmental employee will be responsible for taking orders for the products each week and faxing the orders to the commission office on Monday mornings.

The recommendation from the commissioners also requested the employee be compensated with a one step raise for taking on the additional duties.

Commissioner Robert Stephens made the motion to accept the recommendations from Thompson and Westbrook. He received a second from Commissioner Lewis, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote (Commissioner Bernest Brooks was not present for the

meeting).

Bids for these products will be opened at the next commission meeting. Thompson also asked a

letter be sent to each department explaining the new procedure.

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they made in the budget Monday evening during their regular meeting was to transfer \$15,000 from insurance to the fire department. This transfer raised the fire department back to the level of funding they had the year before.

However the department didn't use the entire budgeted amount last year. The Elba volunteer firemen are paid by the number of fires they attend. If the community has a large number of fires during a year, the budgeted amount can be spent or even exceeded. In years such as the one just ended, the number of fires was below average, thus the budgeted funds were not expended.

The council also expects the fire department to call for a new ISO inspection within four months. The expressed hope of the council members is that fire fighting upgrades in recent years will earn Elba citizens a lower fire insurance rating on their homes and businesses.

Council members had ques-

tioned several other items in the budget during their last regular meeting, but none of these were addressed Monday evening.

Among the items discussed earlier were police cars and salaries, street paving and recreation.

The council appointed Jackie Windham to the Elba Airport Authority. He was named to replace Jim Driscoll, who resigned recently. The term last until 1908 Mayor James Grimes noted that state law doesn't require airport authority members to live in the city limits, just within the county. Windham lives several miles outside the Elba city limits.

Marionne Marler was reappointed to another three year term on the Elba Board of Zoning Adjustments. Another expiring term has not been filed at this time. The position presently being filled by Doug Martin will see a new face.

According to Mayor Grimes, Martin has asked to be replaced on the board and a recommendation will be made to the council in the near future.

Monthly bills totaling \$93,870.50 were approved for payment. Included in this total is

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# SCHOOLS

## Hornsby's fourth grade class staying busy with projects



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### Seniors discover English can be all fun and games

The members of the Class of 2004 are finding out that senior English really is all fun and games! Well, sort of.

Activities surrounding their study of Geoffrey Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* began with memorizing the first 14 lines of the prologue - in the original Middle English. Many were heard to remark that it was nothing like the English they thought they knew.

Then the class was divided into six groups, and each group was assigned one of the stories from the tales to teach to the class. The presentations have taken many forms from video-

taped dramas, to puppet shows (both felt and sock varieties), to live dramatizations.

A great deal of work went into the preparations as each group was responsible for making sure the tales were taught so that their classmates could understand the storyline and the moral of the story being told. Sometimes it was difficult to understand what was being said over all the laughter.

Mrs. Shaw, senior English teacher and senior class sponsor, said she discovered many of her students have hidden talents. Artistic and dramatic talents were displayed in abundance.

This class culminated its study of Indians by going on a field trip to Moundville, Ala., Wednesday Oct. 1. This was an Indian education trip for fourth, fifth and sixth grade students from throughout the Coffee County system.

Mrs. Hornsby's class also selects a fellow classmate for student of the week. This person must be one that has shown the character trait being studied that week. Students selected so far have been: Cheerfulness - Callie Brown; Citizenship - Mallori Davis; Cleanliness - Callie Brown; Cooperation - Callie Brown; and Compassion - Caitlyn Norris.

The fourth grade also held its first 4-H meeting on Friday, Sept. 19. The purpose of this meeting was to elect officers for the year.



Mrs. Hornsby's class shows the Indian homes recently designed while studying the culture.

From Mrs. Hornsby's class the following will serve as 4-H officers this year: President - Mallori Davis, Secretary - Tori

Devine, Reader - Mason Davis, Song Leaders - Markelle Fleming and Samantha McCart.

### Kindergarteners visit petting zoo

The kindergarten students in Mrs. Carli Linton and Mrs. Sherri Weeks' classes at Kinston Elementary School are learning about the fall season and life on the farm.

Fall days are cooler and leaves are falling to the ground. Some students live on a farm and know the farm animals' names, while other students live in town.

On Thursday, Oct. 2, both

classes went on a field trip to the New Brockton Farm Center to see, touch, hear, and smell animals from the farm.

This was a very exciting day for us all.



**SUPPORT THE BULLDOGS WITH YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE GAMES!!!**

### K.E.S. 2003-2004 SGA officers

Officers were recently elected for the 2003-2004 student government association.

They are: President - Bethany Holley, Vice President - Rita Johnson, Secretary - Brittany Smith, Treasurer - Erin Shaw, Reporter - Amber Smith, Parliamentarian - Marika Whitehurst.



### It Happened This Week!



He was the first man to break the sound barrier in an airplane. On October 14, 1947, he flew the X-1 test plane beyond Mach 1 while over the California desert. Following this achievement, he remained in the Air Force retiring in 1975 as a Brigadier General. Who is he? Want to find the answer, or get more information? Go to <http://www.wpafb.af.mil/museum/afp/cybbio.htm>.



How would a town get a name like Frostproof, when it isn't? Incorporated in 1886, local residents of this central Florida town hoped that naming their town Frostproof would draw the attention of northern snow seekers. Find out the whole story by selecting the link *How Frostproof got its Unusual Name* at <http://www.frostproof.net>.



## Treacherous Times

January 6, 1066 was a very good day for Harold of Wessex, the most powerful man in England. The Council of Lords and Bishops had just selected him to become the next King of England over several rivals. Little did Harold know that his very own brother, Tostig, was already working to orchestrate his downfall.

Among his rivals for the throne were William, Duke of Normandy, and Harold Hardrada, the King of Norway. The new king knew that either of these men could raise a large army, and he feared one of them might invade England in an attempt to claim the throne by force.

His fears proved to be well founded, as the Norwegians invaded northern England early the following September. It surprised no one that Tostig was one of their leaders. After landing near the Humber River, the Norwegian army quickly captured the town of York.

King Harold, who was in London at the time, had just released most of his soldiers so that they could harvest their crops. They were immediately recalled and by mid-September, the King was leading his army towards York. Catching his brother and the Norwegians by



William the Conqueror is named King of England. Tostig of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

was preoccupied in the north, William of Normandy had crossed the English Channel and landed on the southern coast. His army included twice as many troops as the Norwegian army.

Although his men were exhausted, Harold was desperate. Leaving York on October 1, they retraced the route they had taken only days earlier. Setting a furious pace, they arrived in London on October 3. Harold was forced to wait five days for badly needed troop reinforcements. Once his new troops arrived, they all marched off to repel the Norman invaders. The King's army found the Normans near the town of Hastings on October 14, 1066.

The Battle of Hastings, which began around nine o'clock in the morning, changed England forever. Later that afternoon when it was over, the Normans had crushed the English, and King Harold was dead. Two months later William the Conqueror was crowned King of England, beginning eighty-eight years of Norman rule.

Under Norman kings, Latin became the official language, feudalism was implemented, and many of the country's greatest castles and cathedrals were built. Want to find out more about the Battle of Hastings, and how Norman rule changed England? Take *The Web Journey*.



**Essential Norman Conquest**  
Osprey Publishing has developed a comprehensive resource that includes an interactive timeline of events leading up to the Battle of Hastings, a virtual tour of the battlefield, an encyclopedia, and a narrative of the battle. Web Address:

**The Norman Conquest**  
The history department of the British Broadcasting Corporation provides an online resource that examines events leading up to the invasion, the battle, and the transformation that occurred in England after William became its king. Web Address:

**The Battle of Hastings, 1066**  
William of Malmesbury was the son of an English mother and Norman father. His account of the Battle of Hastings was written around 1120. Web Address: <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/1066/malmesbury.html>. Articles and information in The Eye Zone do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the sponsor or this newspaper.

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# SPORTS

## Views from... THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie was out of school three days last week because of semester exams and a school holiday, and then this week was out both Monday and Tuesday to complete a rare seven-day vacation. While I am sure she was glad to get a few days off, she must have gotten bored, since she spent one day cleaning the house and washing her clothes. Oh well, maybe now she will have enough energy stored to make it until the real holidays coming up in November and December.

### ELBA TIGERS LOSE HEARTBREAKER

The Elba Tigers went into last week's region game against Straughn with "no wins" and were given "no chance" by many area football fans of pulling off an upset over the 5-1 Tigers from over in Covington County. Apparently "no one" on the Elba team cared what the so-called experts said as they went out and outplayed Straughn for most of the game and built up a 26-13 lead late in the game before losing 27-26 in one of the most heartbreaking losses ever in the history of Elba Tiger football. The Tigers owned a 26-13 lead with 2:36 remaining in the game and needed only to play defense and run out the clock on offense to post the win. However, the Tigers managed only an 18-yard punt that led to a Straughn touchdown with 2:20 left on the clock, and then with :42 remaining saw the snap on a punt attempt result in a 36-yard loss that was recovered at the Elba one-yard line and set up the winning score. It has to hurt when a team works hard in practice and has no wins to show for it after six weeks of the season, but to lose a game after holding a 13-point lead with less than three minutes left on the clock has to be even worse. I know the Elba players and coaches were heart broken after the game and had to be emotionally drained, but the team must sit down and realize how well it played and that when it does play well it can indeed defeat any team on its schedule. I know it hurts, but the best way to ease the pain will be to get back on the field and take out the season's frustrations on this week's opponent up in Calhoun. It won't come easy, but now that the Tigers know they can win - it is time to win!

### FOR WHAT IT WORTH...

The teams in the Elba Youth Football League closed out their regular season last weekend and two of the three teams advanced to this weekend's Super Bowl in New Brockton. The Midget Tigers and Termites Tigers both posted 3-3 records during the season and moved into the post-season games as the fourth seeds in their age divisions. The top four teams in each division made it to the Super Bowl, and nine games will be played in the various age groups during action Saturday. Also, the Elba Pee Wee Tigers closed out the season with a 20-16 win over Pleasant Home for its first win in three years. All the players, coaches, cheerleaders and parents are to be commended for the season.

### NOT A GOOD WEEK FOR AREA TEAMS

The seventh week of the high school football season is now in the books and it wasn't a very good week for the teams in the coverage area. Here's a quick look back...

**\*\*\* BRANTLEY (7-0) -** The Bulldogs celebrated homecoming with a big 58-0 win over Kinston. The 'Dogs got off to a slow start, but once they got everything going there was nothing Kinston could do but hold on and wait for the final horn to sound. Brantley quarterback Channing Spivey was injured early on and didn't return to the game, but he was seen in street clothes late and hopefully the talented senior will be okay. The Bulldogs have plenty of weapons, but will need their field general as they head toward the playoffs.

**\*\*\* NEW BROCKTON (4-3) -** The Gamecocks surrendered four costly turnovers and never seemed to get on track on either side of the ball in a 32-6 loss to Slocomb. The loss dropped the Gamecocks' region record to 2-3, and it is now clear to see that New Brockton must win out in the area if it is to have any chance of making it to the post-season party. The task at hand won't be easy. However, this team is filled with veterans and that may make the difference.

**\*\*\* KINSTON (2-4) -** The Bulldogs got invited to homecoming at Brantley High School and then didn't even get to dance as they got pounded by the undefeated Brantley Bulldogs 58-0. Kinston carried a two-game winning streak into the region battle and had a couple of chances to get on the scoreboard early, but after that Brantley slammed the door on the Kinston offense and scored almost at will to roll up the lopsided win. Kinston still has three games left on the schedule, and it will be interesting to see how the youthful 'Dogs close the season.

**\*\*\* ZION CHAPEL (0-7) -** The Rebels fell behind 35-0 by the end of the half and never really challenged in a 35-7 loss to Florala. Zion Chapel had high hopes entering the game and many felt the Rebels had a good chance of grabbing their first win of the season. However, the Wildcats took charge early and made it clear that football is back at Florala High. As for the Rebels... improvement is the key.

### SEVENTH WEEK OF SEASON IS EXCITING

The seventh week of the high school football season is now in the books and it was quite a week for many teams, while for others it was a week to forget. Here's a quick look back...

**\*\*\* Eufaula** traveled down to Troy and knocked off Charles Henderson 14-10 in a battle of 5A powers. The Tigers trailed twice in the game, but both times battled back with long touchdown drives and when the final horn sounded it was clear that Eufaula is indeed a state title contender.

**\*\*\* Ashford** remained undefeated and set up a showdown with Opp for the region title by slipping past Geneva 20-17 in overtime. The Yellow Jackets did lose a lot of their luster in the narrow win, and now all of the sudden don't appear quite as invincible as they were earlier in the season. We will now soon.

**\*\*\* Arton** dropped its second straight region game in a 21-14 loss to Cottonwood and after getting off to a quick 5-0 start it looks like the Purple Cats might be in a late-season swoon. There is no doubt the 'Cats have a solid 1A team, but after losing two straight in the region they had better get ready for a long ride in the playoffs.

**\*\*\* Hillcrest**, of Evergreen, rolled into Andalusia and handed the Bulldogs a 34-14 whipping. The Bulldogs had been on somewhat of a roll as of late and many thought the 'Dogs might rally and make

the playoffs. After last week's whipping the Andalusia fans had better postpone those plans for another year.

**\*\*\* Opp** bounced back from its last-second loss to Straughn with a 17-7 win over previously unbeaten Rehobeth. The region win kept the Bobcats undefeated in the region race and sets up a showdown with Ashford as a game that will be for all the marbles. As good as Opp is, with its youth the best is yet to come.

**\*\*\* Pike County** kept its title hopes alive and well with an easy 55-6 win over Clarke County. The Bulldogs from West Alabama were expected to slow down the Pike County Bulldogs, but Chris Nickson ran for four touchdowns and threw for three more in the lopsided win. Can these guys get any better?

**\*\*\* Northview** remained winless on the season with a 20-7 loss to Smiths Station. Coach Leavy Boutwell and his troops seem to be settling in and are no longer a team to be taken lightly, but the Cougars are still a little short-handed in the 6A ranks and it may take longer than expected to turn the program back into a winner.

**\*\*\* UMS-Wright** hosted undefeated Thomasville last week in a game that got all the headlines in the Mobile area and was televised live in the Port City. It turned out that UMS-Wright is still the top dog in South Alabama as the Bulldogs poured it on to the tune of 52-26. In losing a champ is always the champ until he gets beat, and in 4A football that is also the case, just ask Thomasville.

**\*\*\* Hoover** was ranked 18th in the nation in the latest USA Today poll and was ranked atop the 6A rankings in Alabama, but the mighty fell last week in Birmingham as Vestavia Hills stunned the Bucs 36-34. While Hoover is still probably the best team in the state, last week proved once again that on any given night any team can be beaten.

**\*\*\* Georgiana's** run with the big boys came to an abrupt end last week with a 42-0 loss to Washington County. The Panthers had already started talking about the playoffs after wins over Leroy and Southern Chocoma, but now will have to fight for their lives just to make the post-season party. What a difference a week makes.

### OTHER PICKS:

The winless Rebels from North Coffee County will celebrate homecoming Friday night and have invited a batch of Bulldogs from Brantley to come over and provide the entertainment. I don't know just how much the Rebel fans will enjoy the show, but the guess here is that the 'Dogs will be the stars.

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Georgiana 18 Excel 12  
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UMS-Wright 56 Gulf Shores 6  
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## Tigers hit the road to Calhoun

The Elba Tigers will be looking to grab a win on the road Friday night when they travel to Lowndes County to battle the winless Calhoun Tigers.

Elba will enter the game with an 0-7 record after last week's 27-26 loss to Straughn, while Calhoun will also enter the game with an 0-7 record and a 16-game losing streak after losing last week to W.S. Neal 62-6.

"Calhoun hasn't won this season and will come into the game with a long losing streak," stated Elba's Coach Mike Waters. "But they know we haven't won either and will be fired up and looking to get a win Friday night. Calhoun has had a tough season, but they are in the same region we are and five of their losses have come to teams such as Clarke County, Straughn, T.R. Miller, Pike County and W.S. Neal. While there is no question Calhoun is not as strong as many of the teams in the region, they will be playing at home and will be confident that they can play with us, and probably will come into the game thinking they can snap their long losing streak. We are sure we will be able to get us on both offense and defense and play with a lot of emotion and confidence."

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office over the weekend and said he needed a vacation before the high school playoffs got underway. The local guessperd did hit on 28 of 30 picks last week to move his yearly totals to 188-23. So, maybe he does deserve one after all. Here goes this week's picks...

### ELBA VS. CALHOUN

The Pee River felines will load up for a long trip into the woods of Lowndes County Friday night and could find a hungry batch of country cats waiting when they arrive at Calhoun. I've got a feeling the River 'Cats will be in a bad mood after the long ride and will be looking to heal their wounds and put win #1 on the board. The ride home should be more fun!

### ELBA 38 CALHOUN 12

### NEW BROCKTON VS. G.W. LONG

The Gamecocks had a hard time finding their way into the end-zone last week in a big region loss and this week it will be do or die when they head over to Skipperville to battle the high-flying Rebels. The word is the Rebels have a barbecue planned and the main course is chicken, but my guess is that the boys from Skipperville had better bring along some bologna, just in case they get hungry.

### NEW BROCKTON 20 G.W. LONG 8

### KINSTON VS. COTTONWOOD

The Bulldogs from down near the county line will go hunting Bear Friday night down below. Dothan and might need to be looking for a few extra hounds after coming out on the short end of a dog fight a week ago up in Brantley. If the 'Dogs can survive early it might be close, if not, another big loss.

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### Saturday in New Brockton

## Two Elba youth teams to compete in Super Bowl

The Little Tri-County Football League will stage its annual "Super Bowl" on Saturday, October 18, at Gamecock Stadium on the campus of New Brockton High School, with a total of twelve teams competing in three age divisions.

Four teams will compete in each of the three age divisions, with the winners of the two semifinal games set to meet for the Super Bowl championship later in the day.

Following is a schedule of the games set for Saturday:

### MIDGET DIVISION

9:00 - Brantley (5-1) vs. Goshen (5-1)  
12:00 - Luverne (6-0) vs. Elba (3-3)  
3:00 - Championship game

### TERMITE DIVISION

10:00 - New Brockton (5-1) vs. Luverne (3-3)  
1:00 - Brantley (6-0) vs. Elba (3-3)  
4:00 - Championship game

### PEE WEE DIVISION

11:00 - Luverne (5-1) vs. Zion Chapel (5-1)  
2:00 - Brantley (6-0) vs. New Brockton (3-3)  
5:00 - Championship game  
Admission: Adults \$4 - Students \$3 (allday pass)

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## SPORTS

### At South Alabama Speedway Will Mack keeps winning in Roadrunner features

By Mark Chisum

Will Mack is on a roll at South Alabama Speedway. Heading into Saturday night's Twin 20-lap Feature for the Roadrunner class, Mack had seven wins in his last ten starts. In the three starts he didn't win, he finished second twice and third. Mack continued his streak, winning both ends of the doubleheader.

Mack started 15th in both features, but that didn't matter. In the first feature, Mack quickly moved through the pack. By lap six he was in second spot behind Jerry Hudson. Hudson enjoyed a big lead by the time Mack cleared all of the traffic, but the races only caution closed the gap. One lap after the restart, Mack moved inside of Hudson to take the lead. Mack led the remaining 10 laps to take the win. Hudson followed Mack across the line. Ricky Osborn was third, Kim Bishop fourth, and Jimmy Hager fifth.

In the second feature, Mack steadily moved through the pack and used restarts to power by his competition. He moved into third on lap 12 behind John Singletary and Jason Singletary. He moved past Jason Singletary with just four laps to go and then set his sights on leader John Singletary. On the final lap, Mack tried to make his move going into turn one, but a lapped car came into play and Mack had to clam on the brakes. He was able to regain control and powered past Singletary going down the back stretch. John Singletary held on to second, followed by Jason Singletary, Hudson, and Bishop.

In the Super Stock Feature, Jody Henderson scored his sixth feature win of the year. David Ashley finished second, with Ken Pettis third. Ron Redmon and Scotty Anderson rounded out the top five.

In the Modified Feature, Kevin Peel came from the sixth starting spot to take home the winner's trophy. Ken Gibson took the early lead while Peel had to make his way through traffic. Peel got a break midway through the 25-lap feature when Jamie Ater and Zach Hammett got together bringing out the race's only caution. That moved Peel to second place in the running order. Peel had to work to get past Gibson, but on lap 19, Peel got the run he needed to take the lead. Peel led the rest of the way to take the win over Gibson. Hammett came back to cross the line third, however he was disqualified after refusing to have his engine's heads claimed. Hammett's dq moved Ater up to third. Terry Malone was fourth and Darrell Blanton fifth.

In an exciting Vintage feature, Teddy Sasser overcame a huge deficit to score the win. Andy Bevis took the early lead and enjoyed a big lead early on. Sasser had to work his way through the pack and by the time he cleared, Bevis was way out front. Dave Redden, running second, and Sasser ran Bevis down. Redden got by Bevis on lap 13. Sasser got by one lap later. It took Sasser six laps before he could move past Redden. Sasser led the remaining laps to take the win. Bevis was able to get back past Redden to finish second. Ted Shores finished fourth and Duane Bates fifth.

In the Street Stock Feature, Stacy Bedsole led flag to flag to take the apparent win. However, Bedsole refused to tear down after a protest was filed and was disqualified. Bedsole's dq gave the win to Scott Morse. Derek Deese finished second. Harold Hunt was third, followed by Sam Smith and Steve Hallford. Burl Brunson led flag to flag to win the Mini Sportsman Feature. Geg Adams made a last lap pass to finish second. Alan Cherry ran second all race but couldn't hold off Adams' last lap charge. Rodney Maloy was fourth with John Anderson fifth. For more information, contact the track at (334)565-3539, or visit the track's web site at [www.southalabamasppeedway.com](http://www.southalabamasppeedway.com)

#### Results

##### Super Stock

1. Jody Henderson
2. David Ashley
3. Ken Pettis
4. Ron Redmon
5. Scotty Anderson
6. Greg Rabren
7. Randy Henderson
8. Ricky Whitehead
9. Steve Scarborough

#### Modified

1. Kevin Peel
2. Ken Gibson
3. Jamie Ater
4. Darrell Blanton
5. Al Brownley
6. Brett Hanson
- DQ Zach Hammett (3)

#### Vintage

1. Teddy Sasser
2. Andy Bevis
3. Dave Redden
4. Ted Shores
5. Duane Bates
6. Guy Scarborough
7. Travis Watson
8. Jamie Ater

#### Street Stock

1. Scott Morse
2. Derek Deese
3. Harold Hunt
4. Sam Smith
5. Steve Hallford
- DQ Stacy Bedsole (1)

#### Roadrunner #1

1. Will Mack
2. Jerry Hudson
3. Ricky Osborn
4. Kim Bishop
5. Jimmy Hager
6. Jimmie Gess
7. Joseph Chandler
8. David Holloway
9. Bobby Monaghan
10. Danny Monaghan
11. Robert Brabham
12. Bill Watson
13. Keith Peacock
14. Jason Monaghan
15. Lucky Harris
16. Boby Smith
17. Greg Seay
18. Jason Singletary
19. John Singletary
20. Danny Farmer
21. Michael Smith
22. Robert Colvin
- DSN #25, #5

#### Roadrunner #2

1. Will Mack
2. John Singletary
3. Jason Singletary
4. Jerry Hudson
5. Kim Bishop
6. Jimmy Gess
7. Joseph Chandler
8. David Holloway
9. Jimmy Hager
10. Robert Brabham
11. Keith Peacock
12. Kenny King
13. Jason Monaghan
14. Ricky Osborn
15. Bill Walton
16. Danny Monaghan
17. Lucky Harris
18. Danny Farmer
19. Greg Seay
20. Bobby Monaghan
21. Robert Colvin
22. Michael Smith
- DSN #25, #5

#### Mini Sportsman

1. Burl Brunson
2. Greg Adams
3. Alan Cherry
4. Rodney Maloy
5. John Anderson
6. Mike Cherry
7. Dwayne Maloy
8. Mark Spann
9. Peter Pauley
10. Jeff Maloy

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Elba Tiger Kendall Stinson (12) serves during last week's win over Opp. Stinson had 18 service points last week in Elba's win over Zion Chapel. (Photo compliments of John Wallace - Andalusia Star News)

### Elba Tigers post big wins over Zion Chapel & Opp

The Elba Tigers hit the court for three matches last week in high school volleyball action and posted three straight wins to improve their record to 11-6 on the season.

"We have concentrated on serving at practice and I could really see it from our performance that we have improved," stated Elba's Coach Amelia Rhoades. "I have always believed that if you can serve you can win volleyball matches, and we proved that this week with the three big wins."

Following are highlights of the three wins last week:

#### ELBA DOWNS ZION CHAPEL IN DOUBLE MATCH

Elba hosted Zion Chapel in a double-match last Tuesday afternoon and won the opening match in straight sets 25-13, 25-17 and 25-12. Yolanda Reynolds was the top server with 16 service points, including seven in a row in one of the sets. Kendall Stinson, Ashleigh Waddall and Lyndsay Lawford all added 9 service points, while Ashleigh Waddall recorded 6 kills and Kristen Barnes had 4 digs.

In the second match Elba completed the sweep with a 25-14, 25-16, 25-16 win over the Rebels. Kendall Stinson led Elba with 18 service points, including nine straight in the first set and eight straight in the second. Ashleigh Waddall had 12 kills, while Lyndsay Lawford and Whitney Lawford had 5 kills, apiece. Kristen Barnes and Yolanda Reynolds both had 6 digs.

#### ELBA GETS REVENGE WITH WIN OVER OPP

The Elba Tigers hosted the Opp Bobcats last Thursday afternoon and claimed a straight set win by the scores of 25-15, 25-17 and 25-21. Yolanda Reynolds, Lyndsay Lawford and Mallory Allen all recorded 12 service points, while Whitney Lawford added 9 Ashleigh Waddall had 9 spikes, followed by Lyndsay Lawford. Yolanda Reynolds and Whitney Lawford with 5, apiece. Ashleigh Waddall, Lyndsay Lawford and Whitney Lawford all added 2 blocks.

### Hunter Education course set for Nov. 3-6 at LBW McArthur

The Alabama Hunter Education Course will be offered by the Alabama Conservation Department's Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division on the MacArthur Campus of LBW Community College November 3, 4, 5, 6. The course will be held in the Conference Center Building from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. each night. This will be a four-day course.

In 1991, the Alabama Legislature passed legislation that requires all first time hunting license buyers born on or after August 1, 1977 to complete a hunter education course prior to purchasing their first hunting license. Alabama is one of 49 states that has a mandatory hunter education program. The goal of the Hunter Education Program is to make Alabama hunters more responsible and more knowledgeable about wildlife conservation.

The Hunter Education Course is minimum of 10 hours of

instruction plus a written examination. Students will be given a written exam to be tested for certification on the last night of class. The course includes but is not limited to firearm safety and handling, responsible hunting and hunter ethics, wildlife law, wildlife management and identification, archery, muzzleloading, first aid, survival, and game care.

There is no charge to attend this course. There is no charge for the certification exam. Participants must be age 10 years old or older to attend the class and receive certification. Participants will need to bring their social security card with them on the first night of class.

For more information contact the Adult Education and Skills Training Division on the MacArthur Campus of LBW Community College at (334) 493-3573, ext. 244.

## SPORTS

In 27-26 loss to Straughn

## Elba Tigers win battle, lose war

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor  
Photos by Mike Capps

Elba's Kikko Logan (14) breaks loose for a big gain in last week's region battle against Straughn. The Tigers will travel to Calhoun Friday night looking to get in the win column for the first time this season.



Elba Tiger Jessie Thigpen (8) pounces on a Straughn fumble to put the Elba offense in business. Straughn fumbled nine times, but this was the only one the Tigers could recover in last week's region battle.



Elba Tiger Ralston Moore (15) fights off a Straughn blocker as he zeroes in on the ball carrier.

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10	1st Downs	12
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3/1	Fumbles/Lost	9/1
5-26	Punts-Ave.	2-27
10-63	Penalties-Yds.	5-25



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TIGER DEFENSE ON THE SCENE...Elba Tiger defenders Derrick Thomas (60), Kaleb Dyess (64) and a teammate arrive to put the brakes on a Straughn running back in last week's 27-26 last-second loss.

to do just that!

A 34-yard run by Marchello Reed gave Elba a first down at the Straughn 27, while a 14-yard blast up the middle by Kikko Logan set the hometown Tigers up with a first down at the Straughn 13. Two running plays and an incomplete pass left Elba facing a fourth down and 11 at the Straughn 14, but Elba came through on the key fourth down

and scored its third touchdown of the half when Brandon Wilson dropped back and fired a scoring strike to Kirby Gray in the back of the endzone. The extra-point try failed, but with 4:44 remaining in the second quarter Elba was back on top 19-13.

Elba's Kirby Gray returned the ensuing kickoff 29 yards to set the Tigers from Coffee County up at the Straughn 41-yardline, and seven plays later Elba was in the endzone. A 15-yard scamper by Kimmy Hill and a 13-yard pass by Stefaun Burks were big plays in the scoring drive, while the touchdown came on fourth down and goal from the three when Stefaun Burks took a pitch and blasted into the endzone. The extra-point attempt failed, however, with 2:57 remaining in the opening stanza Elba had pulled even at 6-6.

A fumbled snap by Straughn on a fourth down and two play at the Elba 42-yardline gave Elba the ball back at its own 44-yardline late in the first quarter, and the hometown Tigers quickly moved back down the field to take their first lead of the night.

Two plays left Elba facing a third and 13 back at the Elba 41, but on third down Brandon Wilson dropped back, avoided a heavy pass rush and lofted a pass to a streaking Kirby Gray that resulted in a 59-yard touchdown pass. Derrick Thomas kicked the extra-point and with 11:03 remaining in the second quarter Elba owned a 13-6 advantage.

Straughn began its next possession at its own 35-yardline and marched 65 yards in nine plays to pull even. A 15-yard pass from Justin Bracewell to Jamie Straughn got the scoring drive off to a fast start, while Bracewell also helped Straughn with his running as the senior quarterback scrambled 12 yards to give his team a first down at the Elba 18. The touchdown came on an 11-yard run by Michael Hobbs, and Garrett Windham added the extra-point as Straughn pulled even with Elba at 13-13 with 7:27 left in the second quarter.

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Elba began its next series at its own 34-yardline with 2:18 left in the game after an unsuccessful on-side kick attempt, but managed to move the ball down only three yards on three running plays and with :42 left on the clock lined up to punt. The snap on the punt attempt sailed over the head of the Elba punter; however, and after the Elba punter missed in an attempt to kick the ball out of the endzone, Straughn recovered the ball just

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## SPORTS



Brantley Bulldog quarterback Edgar Walker (8) heads outside a flattened Kinston defender and turns the corner for a big gain. Walker passed for two touchdowns in last week's big 58-0 homecoming win over Kinston. Also moving downfield to block is Bulldog teammate Andre Tillis (51).



**BRANTLEY'S QUEEN JERRI BRYAN AND HER COURT**...reigned over activities last week at Brantley High School and were introduced at the Brantley-Kinston football game on Friday night. Pictured above are (l-r) Clarissa Knighten - Senior Attendant, Queen Jerri Bryan, Destin Kilcrease - Junior Attendant, Casey Free - Freshman Attendant and Kandi Gooden - Sophomore Attendant. Not pictured are Football Sweethearts Kayla Kervin and Clarissa Knighten. Brantley celebrated in style as the Bulldogs posted a big 58-0 win over Kinston to improve their record to 7-0 on the season, 5-0 in region play.



Kinston's Jerome Ball lowers his head as he fights for yardage against the stingy Brantley defense. Ball was held to 22 yards on 19 carries in the Bulldogs' 58-0 loss to Brantley.



Brantley's Jamyal Jones (10) tries to fight past a Kinston defender in last week's big 58-0 homecoming win. This week Brantley will be on the road for a region clash with the Zion Chapel Rebels.



Brantley quarterback Channing Spivey (15) rests on the bench after an injury in the opening half of last week's 58-0 win over Kinston. Spivey and the Bulldogs will head over to Zion Chapel on Friday night to battle the Zion Chapel Rebels.

*Celebrates homecoming with big win*

## Brantley Bulldogs clobber Kinston 58-0

By Greg Brunson  
Photos by Janet Brunson and Mary Johnson

The Brantley Bulldogs ran their season record to 7-0, 5-0 in region play, on Friday night with an impressive 58-0 homecoming victory over the Kinston Bulldogs.

Brantley got touchdowns from six different players in the win as the Bulldog offense rolled up almost 500 yards.

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**NEW BROCKTON (4-3) AT G.W. LONG (5-2)**

The New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to keep their play-off hopes alive Friday night when they travel to Skipperville to tangle with the G.W. Long Rebels. The Gamecocks saw their region record slip to 2-3 last week with a 32-6 setback to unbeaten Slocomb, and know that a loss this week could put an end to their playoff hopes. Tyler Simmons had another big night for New Brockton and went over the 1,000 yard mark for the season, but four costly turnovers kept the Gamecocks out of the endzone and off the scoreboard. G.W. Long will bring a 3-2 region record into the contest and can wrap up a spot in the post-season party with a win. The Rebels have claimed wins over Dale County 20-0, Samson 13-0, Geneva County 22-8, Zion Chapel 47-27 and Wicksburg 33-14, while losing to Houston Academy 24-0 and Slocomb 28-0. If New Brockton can cut down on its turnovers it still has a chance. If not, the season will end in just two weeks.

**KINSTON (2-4) AT COTTONWOOD (5-2)**

The Kinston Bulldogs will be hoping to get back on track after last week's 58-0 pounding at the hands of Brantley this week when they head over to Cottonwood to battle the high-powered

80 yards into the endzone. The touchdown came on a 30-yard run by Jamyal Jones with :30 remaining in the opening quarter, and after a two-point pass missed its target, Brantley went back up the field with a 12-0 lead.

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## SPORTS

## Zion Chapel Rebels are still winless after Thursday night loss to Florala Wildcats 35-7

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Photos by Ross Adkinson and Greg Brunson

The Zion Chapel Rebels saw their victory drought reach seven games last Thursday night with a 35-7 loss to the Florala Wildcats, in Zion Chapel.

The loss left the Rebels with an 0-7 record, 0-5 in region play, while the Wildcats improved their record to 3-4, 3-2 in region play, with the road win.

Florala kicked off to open the game, but got the ball back at its own 20-yardline after a 22-yard Zion Chapel punt, and promptly marched 80 yards in seven plays to score the first points of the night.

A 38-yard pass completion from Robby Evans to Corderus Smiley helped the Wildcats overcome 15 yards in penalties early in the scoring march, while the touchdown came on a 2-yard plunge by Smiley. Tyler Rasberry kicked the extra-point and with 5:52 remaining in the first quarter Florala owned a 7-0 lead.

Florala got the ball right back on a successful on-side kick and needed only one play to add to its lead. The second Wildcat score came on a flea-flicker when Robby Evans hit A.J. Thompson with a short pass and Thompson then lateraled the ball back to Victor Hobdy, who raced 35 yards for a touchdown. Rasberry again added the extra-point and with 5:35 left in the first quarter Florala was now on top 14-0.

Florala began its next offensive series at its own 31-yardline and marched 69 yards in eight plays to extend its lead. Corderus Smiley gained 20 yards in two carries to spark the long scoring drive, while the touchdown came on a 25-yard pass from Robby Evans to A.J. Thompson. Tyler Rasberry booted his third extra-point of the half and with 11:51 remaining in the second quarter Florala was ahead 21-0.

Zion Chapel showed signs of life on offense on its next possession and drove down the field behind the running and passing of Josh Smith. Smith gained 7 yards on the first play of the series to get the Rebels started, while he later tossed a 21-yard pass to Austin Smith that gave the Rebels a first down at the Wildcat 31-yardline. The Rebels quickly moved



Zion Chapel Rebels Brandon Taylor (25), D.J. Stinson (66) and Macon Hodge (11) listen on the sidelines as a Rebel coach gives instructions. Zion Chapel will host Brantley this week to celebrate homecoming.

drive ended four plays later with an incomplete pass; however, as Florala took over on downs at its own 30-yardline.

The Wildcats' offense was ready to add to its lead and did just that as the 'Cats drove 70 yards in nine plays to reach paydirt. Corderus Smiley gained 21 yards on three carries during the scoring march, while the touchdown came on a 31-yard pass from Robby Evans to A.J. Thompson. Rasberry booted the extra-point and with 4:05 left in the half Florala was on top 28-0.

Florala regained possession at the Zion Chapel 38-yardline after the Rebels gambled and lost on a fourth down and nine, and the Wildcats wasted little time covering the 39 yards into the endzone. The score came after a holding penalty against Florala, and came when Robby Evans lofted a 50-yard scoring strike to A.J. Thompson. Tyler Rasberry made it five for five with the extra-point and with 1:46 left in the half Florala was in command with a 35-0 lead.

Zion Chapel had a chance to get on the scoreboard early in the third quarter after the Rebels' Hunter Wise recovered a fumble at the Florala 33-yardline. The Rebels quickly moved

to a first down and goal at the Florala 6 behind the running of Macon Hodge. Josh Smith and Hayden Osborn, but the scoring chance went by the board three plays later when on fourth down Osborn was stopped inches short of the goal line.

Zion Chapel got the ball back near midfield on a pass interception by Josh Smith and this time the Rebels marched 51 yards in eight plays to get on the scoreboard. A 23-yard pass from Josh Smith to Austin Smith got the scoring drive off to a fast start, while the touchdown came on 3-yard pass from Smith to Smith. Josh Smith kicked the extra-point and with 9:08 left in the game Florala's lead was down to 35-7.

Zion Chapel got the ball back late in the game after a short Florala punt and moved the chains on a 12-yard pass completion from Josh Smith to Hayden Osborn, but the series ended on the next play with a pass interception by Florala's Victor Hobdy and the Wildcats ran out the clock to claim the 35-7 win.

Josh Smith gained 29 yards on 10 carries and completed 3 passes for 32 yards to lead the Zion Chapel offense, while

Corderus Smiley gained 55 yards on 10 carries and Victor Hobdy added 51 yards on seven carries. Robby Evans connected on 5 of 6 passes for 198 yards.



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**AUCTION - SATURDAY, October 18, at 10:00, 277 acres +/- of Prime Real Estate on Highway 72, Rogersville, AL. Mickey Fowler ALS1466, Fowler Auction. 1-256-420-4454.**

**AUCTION - TUESDAY, Oct. 21st 10 a.m. M & H Enterprises, 1480 Republic Rd. Birmingham, AL. Doors, windows, trim, building material. 1-205-945-0408. Asset Liquidators, Clydene Hughes.**

**HUGE ESTATE Auction - Sunday, October 19, 1:00 p.m. 110 Greenboro St., Etowah, AL. Prominent Birmingham Family. American Antique Furniture & Accessories. West Alabama Antiques. 1-205-372-1174, 1-205-996-0128. James L. Charles AAL14134. www.westalabamian-antiques.com. 10% buyers premium.**

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THE ESTATE OF  
HENRY OSBORN EILAND  
deceased.  
CASE NO: PC-03-73  
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED  
Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the Jeff W. Kelley on the 25th day of September, 2003, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

**IN THE PROBABE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION**  
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CASE NO: CV-2003-37

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**  
You are hereby notified that a Complaint has been filed against you and you are required to appear and plead to the answer the same by the 8 day of November 2003, or thereafter a default may be rendered against you.

**NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE FOR DIVISION**  
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# COMMUNITY NEWS



JUDGE WILLIAM O. GAMMILL PRESENTS PLAQUE TO BOB EDMONDSON, pictured above, of Elba, for 5 years of excellent service with the Coffee County Probate Court system.

## Fall Festival to be held in New Brockton this Saturday

Final plans are being made by The New Brockton Beautification Committee for the Fall Festival to be held this Saturday, Oct. 18, in the New Brockton Memorial Park. The festivities will begin at 9 a.m. and continue throughout the day, and will be entertainment for the whole family.

Entertainers will include Don Helms, Lamar Morris, Derek Snellgrove, Crimson River,

## Scholarship winners announced

The University of Alabama and The National Alumni Association recently awarded scholarships to Coffee County area students attending UA. Coffee County area students receiving scholarships are: Coffee County Chapter Endowed Scholarship and Alumni Heritage Scholarship: Jason Curran Coffee - ELBA HIGH SCHOOL.

For the 2003-2004 academic year, approximately 900 students at the undergraduate and graduate level received scholarship assistance totaling more than \$2.3 million through The National Alumni Association.



JANE BRYAN OF ELBA RECEIVES A plaque from William O. Gammill, Coffee County Probate Judge pictured above, for 10 years of excellent service. Jane works in the Coffee County Probate office in Elba.

## Coffee County Schools Menu October 20-24, 2003

### BREAKFAST

**Monday** - Pancakes, Link Sausage, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Tuesday** - Muffins, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Wednesday** - Ham, Egg & Cheese Omelet, Toast, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Thursday** - French Toast, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Friday** - Steak Biscuit, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

### LUNCH

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**Tuesday** - Turkey Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bread, Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Hashbrowns, English Toss, Fruit, Milk  
**Wednesday** - Pepperoni Pizza, Tuna Salad, Cole Slaw, Tater Tots, Crackers, Fruit, Milk  
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## NEWS FROM OUR SERVICE FOLKS

### MANDRELL CARPENTER



PVT Carpenter, Mandrell a 2003 graduate of Elba High School enlisted in the U.S. Army. He graduated from basic training at Fort Benning, Ga. on October 9, 2003. He left October 10th for AIT in Texas where he will begin a career in the medical field. Mandrell is the son of Amelia and Charles Carpenter.

### CHARLES E. WALKER

Army Pvt. Charles E. Walker Jr. has graduated from the light-wheel vehicle mechanic advanced individual training (AIT) course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

The student was trained to perform maintenance, troubleshooting, and repair wheeled vehicles and related mechanical components, including suspension systems, internal combustion engines and power trains, wheel-hub assemblies, hydraulic brake and steering systems, and operate a wheeled vehicle crane, hoist, and winch assemblies.

Walker Jr. is the son of Charles E. Walker Jr. and stepson of Rosa Foster of S. Ainsley St., New Brockton, AL. He is a 2000 graduate of New Brockton High School.

### CLAYTON D. BOWMAN

Army Pvt. Clayton D. Bowman has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the eight weeks of training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experiencing use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

Bowman graduated in 2002 from Elba High School, Ala.



THIS YEAR'S LITTLE MISS NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL CONTESTANTS met recently at Wiregrass Commons Mall for a Get Acquainted Party for this year's Little Miss National Peanut Festival Pageant. This year's pageant will be held at the Dothan Civic Center, Saturday, October 18 at 6 p.m. Pictured are this year's contestants with the current Little Miss National Peanut - Caroline Crowley - Miss National Peanut - Hannah Yohn and Miss Alabama USA - Michelle Arnette.

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# SCHOOLS

## Co-Op Spotlight

by Christy Eubanks



This week's co-op spotlight is Kelli Nicole Richard. Kelli is the 17-year-old daughter of Allen and Joyce Richard. She is currently employed at National Security in Elba.

Kelli is a member of Elba Deliverance Tabernacle. She is also a member of VICA and Spanish Club at EHS.

In her spare time, Kelli enjoys shopping, talking on the phone, reading, and being with friends.

Congratulations, Kelli, on being this week's co-op spotlight!



## Tiger Tales

Editors: Brittany Cooper & Alex Allen

## EHS Marching Tiger Band receives superior ratings at Daleville festival

On Saturday, Oct. 4, the Elba High School Marching Tiger Band left Elba at 11:30 a.m. to head off to the Daleville Invitational Marching Festival.

The band performed at 1:45 p.m. and was in Class 5A. It was the next to largest band there.

The entire band made straight ones! Mr. Jeff Ellis, band director, had a few comments on their big achievement.

"The band students did a really good job, considering it was really hot outside, and they had to practice in the middle of the day. The judges had very good comments on the band. I'd like to thank all Band Parents and members of the football team and other supporters who came to watch us."

Congratulations to the Marching Tiger Band!

## Elba Elementary School Menu October 20 - 24, 2003

### BREAKFAST

**Monday** - Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Tuesday** - Waffles/Syrup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Wednesday** - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Thursday** - Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Friday** - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

### LUNCH

**Monday** - Chicken Fingers, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Roll, Sliced Pears, Milk  
**Tuesday** - Hoagie, Potato Rounds, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Oatmeal Raisin Cookie, Milk  
**Wednesday** - Corned, Macaroni & Cheese, Turnips, Cornbread, 1/2 Apple, Milk  
**Thursday** - Bar-B-Que, Pork, Fried Okra, Rice, Bread, 1/2 Orange, Milk  
**Friday** - Fishburger, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Applesauce, Milk

## Reminder:

E.E.S. invites all students and their parents to a Spook-Tacular event Monday, Oct. 27, from 6-8 p.m. The fun will kick off in the cafeteria with some Terror-ific storytelling, followed by the annual Funny Fall Fashions Parade of costumes. Refreshments can be purchased and enjoyed while reading books and taking AR tests.

## EHS Student Talent

by Karrie M. Copeland

This week's article focuses on Andy Waddail. Andy is the son of Rebecca and John Waddail of Elba. He has been showing cows since he was in the seventh grade.

When Andy was asked what it is like to show cows, he said, "Showing is just like a beauty contest. You have to start the calves at a young age and begin halter breaking and begin training their hair. It takes a lot of patience and effort."

Andy has won numerous awards including: 2 Alabama State Champion Simmental Heifers, 1 supreme Heifer Coffee County Invitational



Andy Waddail

Show, and other class and division wins. In the future, Andy plans to go to college and become a farmer.

Congratulations on all of your accomplishments and good luck in the future.

## SGA sponsors "Book Character" pumpkin contest

by Brittany Cooper

At the Elba Elementary School, each class participating will submit one decorated pumpkin. The pumpkins should be decorated to depict a Book Character.

There are no restrictions on what can be used for decorations. Teachers are encouraged to brainstorm with their class for ideas, and to let their class do as much as possible in the decorating process.

The decorated pumpkins are due by 3 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 20. Each class that participates will receive a book for their class library.

The pumpkins will be on display during the Fall Festival on

## Elementary students learn fire safety tips

by Brittany Cooper and Christy Eubanks

do this so as long as one child or one family does not get burnt, we feel like we have done a good deed."

As you all know, October is Fire Prevention Month.

Each school practices procedures for fire drills. The kindergarten and first graders got the chance to tour the Little Fire House. The house fills with smoke so students simulate real fire.

We got the chance to interview the Captain of Elba's Fire Department and he said, "It's called the Little People Fire Extinguisher House. It was built to teach young children fire safety in the home. We teach evacuating procedures from the home to a sensually located area outside. We teach the use of smoke detectors in accordance with other fire safety week programs in the school system. We



The Elba Firefighters and elementary school students give the Little People Fire House two thumbs up.

## School Reminders:

\* School picture proofs are due back by Friday, October 17.  
\* Juniors: T-shirts are now on sale. The cost is \$12 for sizes small through XL. Size 2XL is \$13, and size 3XL is \$13.50. Money must be turned in to Mrs. Pattie by Thursday, October 9 at 8:00 a.m.

\* Seniors: T-shirts are now on sale for \$15. See Mrs. Norris or any journalism member.



E.E.S. students practice fire safety procedures in the Little People Fire Extinguisher House Thursday morning, Oct. 9.

## Elba FFA Chapter holds annual peanut boil and cookout

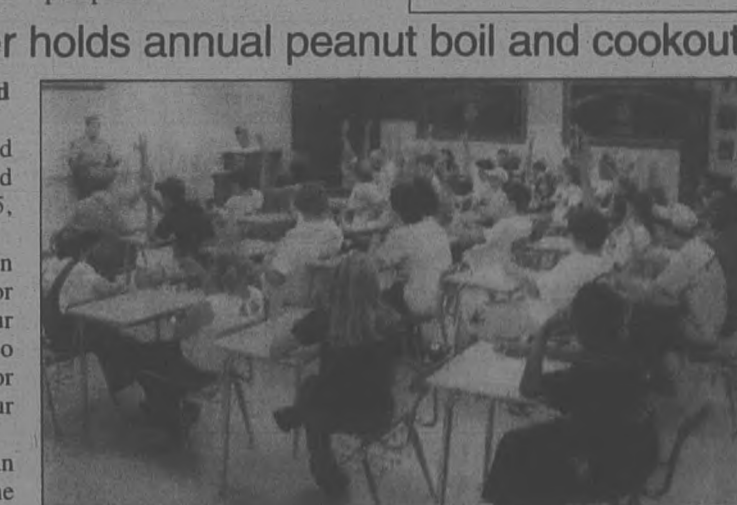
Submitted by Karrie Copeland

The Elba FFA Chapter held their annual peanut boil and cookout on September 25, 2003.

The purpose of the occasion is to show an appreciation for what a lot of the farmers in our area produce, peanuts. We also must have an appreciation for the history of agriculture in our part of the state.

The boll weevil played an important part in making the peanut industry in south Alabama what it is today. A lot of thanks is also owed to an African American by the name of George Washington Carver, who developed many of the products that are made from peanuts.

There were about 70 of the FFA members in attendance at the event, and they know the importance of the peanut industry to our economy in south



FFA members listen to the guest speaker at the peanut boil

Alabama.

A thank you goes out to two important guests of the event, Lieutenant Randy White and Mike Cox, from the Enterprise office of the Department of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. They spoke to the members about a variety of issues concerning hunting and fishing in the state of Alabama.

The members would also like to show their appreciation to the agriculture advisory members and the other guests, which came to share in the activity. The cookout was a success; the students and guests really enjoyed the boiled peanuts, hamburgers, and polish hot dogs provided by the Elba FFA Chapter.

## Fourth graders study prehistoric Indians and build folk houses

by Ayonna Procter

The students in Ms. Melanie Waddail's fourth grade class have been studying Prehistoric Indians and their folk houses.

They've been focusing on a few Indians in particular, which are the Paleo, Archaic, Woodland, and Mississippian.

One assignment the students were to complete was to build a Folk House using the style of one of the groups of Indians.

The students enjoyed this hands-on project very much.



Examples of the students with their designed homes.

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## Elba: 150 years of history and memories

Submitted by  
**Judge Marion B. Brunson, Sr.**

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Evergreen Primitive Baptist Church was located in what is still an active cemetery for the city of Elba. The first marked grave in the cemetery was that of James Ham who died in 1858. His wife Susannah Mathews Ham, is the only "Real Daughter" buried in the cemetery. Her father Philip Mathews was a Revolutionary soldier. The gazebo in the cemetery, called a Summer House was built in 1895.

The first church of any denomination established in the town of Elba was Methodist. It is still active as Elba United Methodist Church. The church is considered the Mother church of Elba. A minister was appointed to the Elba Circuit on December 15, 1853. The present Methodist Church was officially opened on Sunday, February 12, 1911. Large panels of elegant stained glass found in the church sanctuary are the memorial to the Confederate dead from Coffee County.

The coming of the railroad was a great economic boost to Elba and Coffee County. The only major structure on the line was the trestle across Pea River in Elba. The railroad line was planned for West Elba where the line ended and the "New Town" area of the town, also the industrial area, began. This section of Elba continues to be called "New Town". The name of the railroad line changed several times. The first train came to Elba on March 20, 1892 and the trains were discontinued in November 27, 1984.

Pea River history is a vital part of the history of Elba. The Creek Indians named the river Talakhatchee but the early settlers rejected the name. In the Creek language, talak means pea and halchee means stream, branch, or

small river. The Talakhatchee River is a sister stream of the Choctawhatchee River, whose name was not rejected. Pea River is about 120 mile long. It emerges from a swamp in Bullock County near Union Springs and joins her sister river at Geneva. About half of the river is located in Coffee County.

Almost every generation of Elba citizens has had a flood story about Pea River to pass on. The history of Elba is water marked with stories of floods and high water problems. March is the month the floods usually come. The Lincoln flood of March 1865 was the first to destroy Elba, which was then only twelve years old. It was known as the Lincoln flood since that was the year Abraham Lincoln was assassinated. There are three streams which converge in or near Elba, Beaver Dam Creek, Whitewater Creek and Pea River. All play a part in the floods.

On March 19, 1888 Elba residents were again faced with what older people called the flood of Elba. The worst flood ever recorded, at the time, in the state of Alabama took place in Elba in March of 1929. Much has been written and told about this great flood and all of those who were a part of the flood had their own story to tell. On Thursday morning, March 14, 1929 the people were warned that the river was coming out of its banks and would spread into the town. By lunch time, people were being taken from downtown and the immediate river area by boats. The water continued to rise, making it the most horrible night that the citizens had ever experienced. The next morning airplanes carrying

food, milk, and emergency supplies flew over the town and dropped the much needed supplies. The flood edition of the Montgomery Advertiser was dropped to upstairs porches and to people on rooftops. The river crested at 43.50 feet early in the afternoon of March 15, 1929.

The story of "Little Noah Tucker" is one of the most often remembered and retold. Eleanor Talbot Tucker and her husband Ed Tucker became the parents of Noah at the Elba Hotel during the flood. The mother had to be moved from room to room during the birthing because room after room crumbled and fell into the swift water currents. The baby was named Noah since he lived through the flood like the biblical Noah.

Only one fatality occurred as a result of the 1929 flood, a blind Negro man named "Phoe" Larkins was swept from a box car in New Town.

The heroic efforts of Miss Vivian Harper were very significant during the tragic flood. As flood waters continued to rise, Miss Harper and her relief operator, Mrs. Minola Liberti, were on duty at the Elba Telephone Company. They were warned many times to leave, but remained on duty and stayed in touch with local residents until every telephone had failed. Miss Harper warned the citizens of Geneva about the flood and enabled them to be better prepared for the coming flood. She also contacted telephone operators in neighboring towns and relief came much sooner because of her efforts and dedication to the people of Elba. As the water came into the building the two operators escaped into a waiting boat. Miss Harper received the Theodore N. Vail Silver Medal for her heroism. In the summer of 1929 the flood weary citizens of Elba were once again faced with the threat of the river flooding. The temporary bridge over the river was safe only for foot traffic as the swift current raged. Paul Rowe Brunson left the family home next to the river when the bridge collapsed. The child fell into the river and said God took him by the hand and pulled him on to a section of the floating bridge. Holding the mailbox, the child floated down Pea River. The train was crossing the trestle and Mr. Byrd Mitchell, the engineer lowered a rescue line. At the same time a rescue boat carry-

ing an older brother, Sollie, over took and rescued the child, still holding the mailbox. The mail went through and Paul Rowe Brunson was spared to become one of Elba's distinguished citizens.

A levee was built beside the river, around the town in 1930. The canal and Beaver Dams Creek drainage was improved and flood gates were erected at strategic points. The Simmons Bridge was constructed and raised to its present level. Years passed and high water came regularly. In 1938 and in 1959 rising water flooded the Smith Avenue area and did much damage. On Wednesday, February 19, 1975 flooding occurred again.

The river crested at 4:00 a.m. on February 20 at 37.29 feet. Smith Avenue, Riverview, and the New Town areas near Beaver Dam Creek were hardest hit. At this time Mr. A.C. Brunson read the level of Pea River every day for the National Weather Service. He read the river level this time every hour for three days and two nights. The "decade" of floods in Elba was the 1990's. The flood of March 17, 1990 is the most devastating flood ever recorded in Elba. The river crested at 48 feet. When the levee broke, swift currents of water quickly rushed into town about 7:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. The break occurred on the Troy highway near the Elba Elementary School. The break came from Whitewater Creek, not Pea River. The entire town was under water for four days the river level dropped and a break in the levee on the other side of town allowed water to drain away. The entire city was almost destroyed, including all of the school system buildings, the county jail, built in 1912, the county Department of Human Resources and the Coffee County Board of Education.

A wedding was scheduled for the United Methodist Church for Saturday, March 18, 1990. Aleah Hudson and Blue Morrow were to be married. Many worked hard to get things together and the wedding took place, on that day, at the Ham United Methodist Church near Elba. Serious floods also occurred in March of 1994 and 1998. In the 1998 flood there were two deaths from drowning. Marquindale Thigpen and Edward Horstead. For this reason the decade of floods is a very real part of the history of Elba.

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## Brunson/English named Elba's Sesquicentennial King and Queen

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the celebration of Elba's history, a Sesquicentennial King and Queen were named at the Sesquicentennial Ball held Saturday evening, Sept. 6, at the Elba Recreation Center. The two individuals chosen for this honor were nominated based on their love for the City of Elba and their continuous work as ambassadors for the city.

Marion Brunson was chosen to serve as Elba's Sesquicentennial King while Lois English was honored as the Sesquicentennial Queen.

Brunson was nominated for his many years of service as an ambassador of Elba. Through the years, he has been involved in many community activities including principal of Elba High School and Elba Elementary School, Coffee County Probate Judge for 12 years, Sons of the American Revolution, principal of Hillcrest Elementary School in Enterprise, Coffee County Education Retirees Association, past state president of the Huguenot Society, Barons of the Magna Carta, foundation board member of Enterprise-Ozark Community College, past chairman of the Coffee County Commission and



Marion Brunson, Elba's Sesquicentennial King

founding president of the Pea River Historical and Genealogical Society.

Brunson also has an active church life as historian of the Elba United Methodist Church and

serving at both District and Conference levels of the United Methodist Churches.

In being nominated, Brunson was recognized as the "chief individual most responsible for the desperately needed refurbishing of the Coffee County Courthouse (the centerpiece of Elba)", as well as, "the driving force behind raising money and restoring the city's beautiful flowing well."

Brunson, also is noted as the author of eight books dealing with the history of Coffee County and many of its residents, and of these eight books, two specifically deal with the history of Elba and Coffee County.

All in all, Brunson was selected as Elba's Sesquicentennial King because he is "commonly recognized as the local expert on anything and everything to do with Elba heritage, and he has been invited to speak at numerous gatherings, club meetings, school classes, etc., about the history of Elba."

While Lois English has never held any public office or high profile position in the community, she was chosen as Elba Sesquicentennial Queen because of the many lives she has touched in a positive way through countless contributions.

English was born, reared and has spent her entire life living and working in Elba. According to her nomination, "she has always been

an outspoken advocate of the city she calls home, particularly when she had opportunity to greet visitors to Elba."

As a very active member of Liberty Church of Christ, English is a supporter of the Agape foster children program. She also has been instrumental in raising money to help build a local Senior Citizens Center, volunteered her time and efforts in helping the local schools, the Boy Scouts troop, the band, Operation Santa Claus, the nursing home and in helping to feed and distribute household goods to people left displaced by the devastating floods of 1990 and 1998.

While all these are certainly noteworthy, English is recognized more for her less conspicuous contributions. From helping families left homeless by fire or flood to taking in a family in need of a place to stay, English has proven time and time again to be a person this community can depend upon in time of need.

Simply put, Lois English was chosen as Elba's Sesquicentennial Queen because she embodies the

true spirit of Elba. "she is an everyday citizen living and working here and quietly working to make a difference in the lives of others without the least expectation of recognition for doing so."

Since being named Sesquicentennial King and Queen, Brunson and English have each expressed their gratitude for being given such an honor. Both said they have a great love for the city they call home and could not ask for better recognition from their fellow Elbians.

Also recognized at the ball were other nominees for the Sesquicentennial King and Queen. The Sesquicentennial Ball, which was held a part of the "Celebrate Elba 150" yearlong event, was sponsored by the New Season's Study Club.

**Congratulations  
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Lois English, Elba's Sesquicentennial Queen



## Elba United Methodist Church Celebrates Sesquicentennial

Submitted by  
**Judge Marion B. Brunson, Sr**

The oldest church of any denomination in the City of Elba is Elba United Methodist Church. Rev. Robert Shaw Rabb was appointed to the Elba Circuit on December 15, 1853. There was already a congregation here, otherwise he would not have been sent. The first church was located at the end of Simmons Street and Adkinson Street was in front of the church. Simmons Street did not cross Beaver Dam Creek as it does today. The church sat on a slight bluff on the east side of the Creek.

It was a white frame building with a small steeple. The auditorium occupied the entire building. It is assumed that Sunday School was held in the various corners. Large pews were located down the center and short pews were on each side.

Whether a church building prior to this one, dedicated in 1884, existed on the same site is unknown. Probate records do not indicate any prior site by the name Methodist Church or any variation thereof. This church served the congregation and was loaned to other congregations who did not have a building until 1911 when the present church was completed.

The lot where the present church is located was purchased in 1909 from Dan Knight for \$750.00. The parsonage lot on Putnam Street was purchased from E.E. Beard Estate on June 24, 1898, for \$50.00. This was the residence for pastors until 1968 when the present residence on Highland Drive was acquired.

The present church had its first service on Sunday, February 12,

1911 and the entire town turned out for this special service. The cornerstone of the church says:

Methodist Episcopal Church South; October 16, 1909; Matthews and Clark Architects; T.H. Jones, Pastor; Building Committee: W. P. Perdue, M.J. Lee, I.T. Law, Mr. Perdue, grandfather of Frank Perdue, had a brick yard and planer and saw mill. The brick and building materials came from this source. The cost of the church when completed was about \$11,000.

Large panels of elegant stained glass in the church are the Confederate memorial to Coffee County soldiers who were killed during the war between the states. Mrs. Cordelia Lee Costello took the leadership to raise money for a granite memorial to be erected on Court Square at the County Seat here in Elba. When sufficient money was not raised, it was agreed that the stained glass panels would be the Coffee County Confederate Memorial.

The historic church bell was cast on February 21, 1908, in Hillsboro, Ohio, by the C.S. Bell Company. The bell has two different clappers. The regular church bell which continues to be heard each Sunday throughout Elba to let the community know it is time for Christian people to worship. The second bell clapper is a tolling bell with the rope hanging from the side which gives a tolling or signal sound.

The illuminated cross on top of the church steeple was put there by Mrs. Althea Carmichael Prescott in 1957 as a memorial to her late husband Mr. Mayo Prescott. For nearly a half century there has been a symbol that Christian people worship there and live in the Elba community.

The fellowship hall of the



A Historical marker placed at Elba United Methodist Church this year. Pictured above Minister John I. Baxter, Trustees Chairman Donnie Morrow and Church Historian Marion Brunson pose beside the new historic marker. It was installed at the front of the church facing Davis Street. In the background are examples of the church's beautiful stained glass windows, many placed in honor of the Confederate dead of Coffee County.

church was built in 1964; and is widely used for church and community activities. Lamar Rainer Jr. drew the plans for the building. The cornerstone reads: April 1964; Harold Deal Official Board Chairman; Dr. Bryan Taylor, Trustee; Chairman; Boyd Murphree, Church School Superintendent; Al Sewell, Building Committee Chairman; David Carter, Minister.

The Needlepoint Altar Cushions were dedicated on June 1, 1986. "Stitches for God" are a source of great pride and beauty for our lovely church and historic sanctuary. A booklet photographing and explaining each cushion

and the donor is available at the church should future interest be desired.

The 1990's decade of floods took its toll on Elba United Methodist Church. With logs and debris floating around the church, not one damaged the confederate memorial windows. Both organ and piano floated from the choir loft to the main sanctuary and water was near the ridge of the fellowship hall. Church and community volunteers worked for months. Churches from throughout Alabama-West Florida Conference came to Elba and assisted with recovery.

Blue Morrow and Aleah Hudson were to be married on March 17, 1990, the day of the flood and the wedding was held at Ham United Methodist Church near Elba. Matthew Brunson was the first child to be christened after the flood. This was done the first Sunday church was held after the flood in the fellowship hall, by Rev. George Sedberry, pastor.

A historical marker was dedicated on Sunday June 29, 2003, marking the Sesquicentennial year our church has been in Elba. A great birthday celebration was held. Participating in this ceremony were: Judge Marion Brunson, church historian; Donnie Morrow, trustee chairman; and Rev. John Baxter, pastor.



The current congregation of Elba United Methodist Church celebrated the 150th year of the church this year.

## Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church established 1884

Submitted by  
**Winzell Gray**

The Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church dates its history back to February 15, 1884, when one acre of land was purchased by Martin Stinson and his wife, Pauline Stinson, from T.E. Flournoy and wife, V.J. Flournoy on the east side of the lot known as the Aunt Ann Larkins Home. The land was purchased for \$27.

A small 12' x 16' building immediately north of the current church site, known as the first African-American school in Elba, was used as a church until the church building could be erected.



Elba Zion Baptist Church as it is today

### Mulberry Missionary Baptist Association formed in 1818

The Mulberry Missionary Baptist Association (MMBA) had its origin in Coffee County in 1818.

MMBA evolved from several Black Missionary Baptist churches which were engaged in missionary work in Coffee County. These churches united into one organization.

The purpose of this union was and still is for putting to work the love, desires, and aspirations of our forefathers, by combining and directing the energies of the Missionary Baptist denomination.

On Nov. 10, 1978, the Association bought two acres of land on Highway 166, in the city limits of Elba, on which the present Association building sits.

The church was constituted by members of the New Zion Baptist Church, the founding mother church. The founding members were: Deacon Si Langston and wife, Martin Stinson and wife, Harriet Larkins, Nancy Rowe, Jennie Page, Harriet Lee, Frank Hammonds and Siamon Hammonds.

The first pastor of the new church was Reverend George Flournoy and the name Elba Zion was selected for the church by Probate Judge George Stevens. In the same year, 1884, a building committee consisting of E.N. Martin Stinson and Venson Larkins, along with the church membership, succeeded in erect-

ing a church building at the immediate east of the present church site.

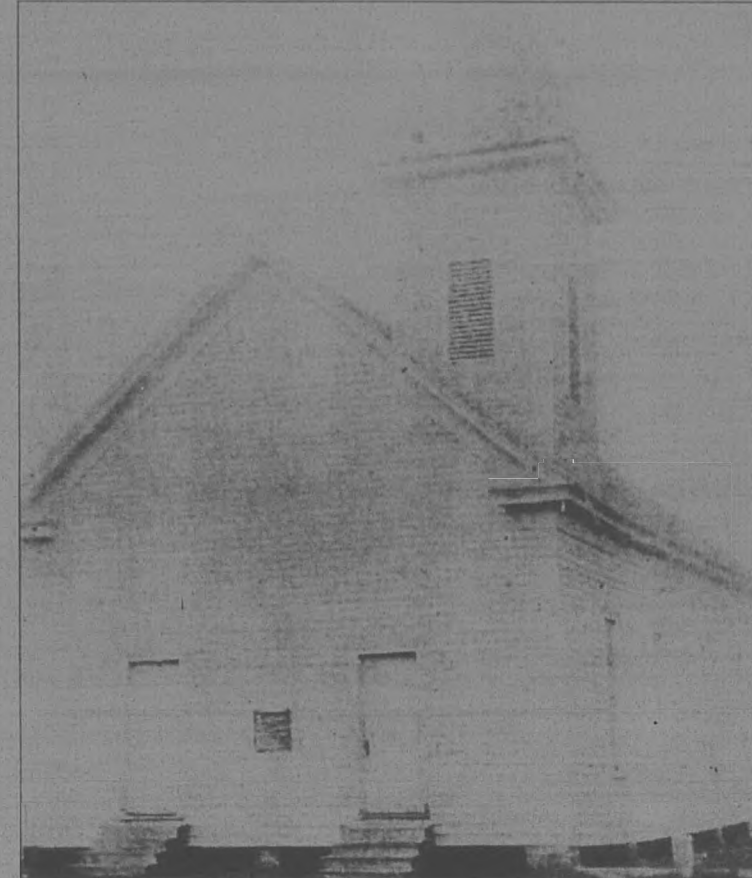
In the following years, the church membership grew, and a larger building was required. In 1905, a building committee was formed, and in 1906, the church was contracted for and constructed by W.B. Perdue for the sum of \$600.

Through the years, a number of improvements and additions have been made to the church. In 1960, a kitchen was installed and a new piano purchased. The kitchen installation included a refrigerator, hot water heater, gas stove, tables and a number of cooking utensils.

The church was renovated in 1965 with four rooms being added, and the wooden exterior walls were replaced by brick walls. The church purchased new pews and installed new carpet in 1966, and a water fountain was added in 1967. In 1968, the men's restroom was completed and a new vacuum cleaner purchased.

Finally, in 1972, new cabinets and linoleum were purchased for the kitchen and new carpet was installed in the four rooms added during the 1965 renovation.

Like most other churches, homes and businesses located in downtown Elba, the church was devastated by flood waters twice in the 90s; however, the Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church family cleaned and repaired the damaged furniture, windows, etc.



The old Elba Zion Baptist Church

and replaced those things destroyed to overcome the disasters. Today, by the blessing of God,

the church family is still gathering for worship services to give thanks for the many blessings the Lord has provided.



Pictured during the groundbreaking ceremony for the Church of Christ building were three members of the building committee: Gerald Tucker, Minister Raymond Elliott and J. Wiley English.

### Elba Church of Christ broke ground for new building in 1966

According to the June 16, 1966 edition of The Elba Clipper, the ground was broken at that time for construction of the Elba Church of Christ building now located on the Elba-Troy Highway.

When the church was built in '66, it was referred to as a much needed expansion for the local church and the move from the downtown location was necessary due to the constant expansion of the downtown business district.

The church was already experiencing cramped facilities and there was nowhere to expand. Too, the traffic condition was unsuitable.

According to the article, the current location was considered spacious and would eliminate both previously mentioned problems while providing room for future

expansion. The building site was composed of four lots with a highway frontage of 400 feet.

The building committee was composed of J.W. English, Gerald Tucker, Charles D. Gunter, Harris Winston, and Minister Raymond Elliott.

At the time of the groundbreaking, church members planned to be in their new building by Nov. 1, 1966. The old church building was sold for commercial development.

Religion has been  
a strong ingredient  
in Elba's past  
and present!!!!



## A look at Elba Clipper stories prior to the 50s

Taking a quick glance back at past editions of The Elba Clipper, it is not hard to see a definite change in how the news was and is delivered.

For instance, in the early 1900s, the front page of the Clipper rarely contained an article dealing with local news. Instead, it was national happenings that took the headlines. And, there were hardly any pictures to be found in the newspaper at that time - It was for reading only.

As the years passed, the front page headlines changed with them. By the 20s, some local news began to show itself alongside the national happenings.

This change mostly can be attributed to the increase in media outlets. As the news media has grown through the years, it has allowed weekly newspapers such as The Elba Clipper to focus more and more on the local happenings, and let the daily folks and television outlets handle the national and worldwide information.

Also, by the 20s, a few more photographs began to show up in newspapers, but it was still mostly for reading.

Local stories were also a lot different in the early 1900s. For example, a trip to Montgomery would have gotten a big headline for an Elba resident back in those days.

By the late 30s and 40s, the newspaper began to take closer shape to the way we recognize it today; however, it still had its differences.

The following are examples taken from a few editions of The Elba Clipper in the years prior to the 1950s in an effort to give an idea of how reporting the news has progressed.

### June 23, 1901

Major Headlines on the front page included: Ways of the Wicked Held Up to Light and Governor Samford Dead: Beloved Governor of the State Succumbs to Heart Trouble in Tuscaloosa. Readers had to turn inside the paper to find local news and the following is an example of what one might find:

### The Tie that Binds

Tuesday morning a very affectionate looking couple arrived from Opp and registered at the Beard Hotel. The young man's name was Atwell and he hailed from Florala. The young damsel's name

was Thomas and her place of residence was Laurel Hill, Fla. It took but one glance at the youngsters to satisfy anybody that they intended to get married forthwith and immediately as there was a certain indefinable sweetness and trustfulness in their manner towards each other that none but those who are rapidly approaching the matrimonial state can assume. About 2 o'clock they reported to the courthouse and secured a license and got married and that ends the chapter.

### January 7, 1908

Front Page Headlines included: Traffic Men Accept Laws for Railroads and First Lynching For 1908 in Mississippi

During this time period, The Elba Clipper was a bi-weekly publication. It was published on Tuesday and Friday of each week.

Local news stories were basically one column stories and read as follows:

School opened Monday but on account of rain, the attendance was not so good as was expected.

Elba should have a school that is absolutely free. The town owes this to every child in its limits and some way should be provided to give it.

The need of good roads in Coffee is now being felt by farmers.

### January 24, 1924

This edition included a front page story concerning the Pea River Bridge. It read as follows:

### Bridge at Elba will probably be open again next week

Work on Pea River Bridge at Elba has been going steadily on for the past day or so, but on account of the bad weather, the work has been necessarily slow.

A Clipper Representative visited the bridge on Wednesday morning and was informed that the new part of the bridge, the East abutment which connects with the highway, would probably be finished by tonight (Thursday). However arrangements have been made to repair the entire bridge and this work will consume several



One of the biggest stories for Elba during this time was the "Great Flood of 1929". For many years, it remained the most devastating flood in the history of Elba. That was, of course, until the 1990's. This aerial shot of the '29 flood received a lot of recognition following the natural disaster. This flood also led to the construction of the Elba levee which is now being rehabilitated by the Corps of Engineers.

al days more. It is understood that all flooring on the main span of the bridge as well as the West abutment will be torn away and repaired.

Mr. Wise, the contractor, who is doing the work, says that the bridge will not likely be opened for traffic until next week, perhaps the last of the week. While much inconvenience is being experienced by traffic on account of the bridge being closed, it will be a source of gratification to know that all the bridge will be put in better repair.

### February 2, 1933

### Gordan Swain buys Elba Lunchroom

Gordan Swain, popular young Elba boy, has purchased the Elba lunch room from Mr. Floyd and is now in charge of the establishments. Improvements have been made at the place and beside serving foods of all kinds, a nice line of candy and cakes will be on sale at all times.

### June 6, 1935

### Levee Stopped;

### Work WPA

It is important to note that the World War was receiving many of the headlines during this time

### Demands Deeds For Right-of-Way; Citizens Must Act

Levee work of every kind and description was brought to a close last night and no operations will be resumed on this flood wall until such time as deeds to a complete right-of-way in West Elba have been procured and delivered to the Works Progress Administration according to announcement read in the Elba Clipper by J.C. Robbins, works director, who was in charge of the project.

### April 5, 1945

### Big Cabbage

One of the largest cabbages we have seen in several seasons was being displayed last Thursday by Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cook. It measured three feet across and weighed 11 pounds. The cabbage was grown by Matt McCollough and was just a young plant, having been cut before it had time to make any head.

### May 17, 1945

Big Jim becomes Governor James E. Folsom before the largest crowd ever to gather for an inauguration in Montgomery. The theme "Youth, education and the future" was stressed in almost all the floats. A great majority of the counties of Alabama participated.

frame; however, the paper did continue to make room for local news on the front.

### Dorsey Plant workers vote 128 to 50 for CIO

In an election held at Dorsey Brothers Trailer Plant, last Friday, employees voted 128 to 50 for establishment of a union organization here.

The unit will be under domination of the United Automobile Workers, a CIO Affiliate. Plans for the organization have been underway for several months, so we are informed, and the election was held under direction of the National Labor Relations Board.

### January 30, 1947

The front page of the Clipper in this edition showed scenes from Big Jim's inauguration in Montgomery as Governor of the State of Alabama.

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## Through the Years: A collection of photos submitted for publication



Siblings Lamar Kelley and Earnestine (Tina) Kelley Morgan stand on the square in front of Bonneau-Jeter Furniture Store in 1950.



Old Elba Hotel (or Blue Hotel)



Some of those who attended the presentation ceremony for the award given to Vivian Harper after the 1929 flood.



Vaughan Hardware - Three of the men in the picture are Oscar Vaughan, Dave Vaughan and Angus Vaughan.



Phillip Morrow, Alice Brunson, Courtney Cannon, Tony Martin, Bev Cox and Bunny Cox entering Violet Lainer's first grade class.



EHS Homecoming Parade of 1959 - Elba High School Marching Tiger Band with principal Marion Brunson in front.



# Floods devastate Elba; Citizens overcome disaster

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The City of Elba and its people have accomplished many things over the past 150 years; however, the most famous happenings the town has experienced are without a doubt the natural disasters known as floods.

The flood of 1929, also known as the Great Flood of 1929, was considered the worst natural disaster the City of Elba had experienced until March of 1990 when it flooded again.

Following the 1929 flood, the levee was constructed around the downtown portion of Elba to protect it from swelling waters of the Pea River, and for 61 years, it seemed to be just what the doctor ordered.

However, in 1990, the levee proved to be a foe rather than a friend as the town became a huge fish bowl for several days after the levee broke from the pressure of the rising river, and water submerged the downtown area.

The town, including homes,

businesses and churches, remained under water until the levee finally broke on the other side of town, allowing the water to finally drain.

The levee was repaired, and Elba managed to get back to business as usual again. That was, until March 8, 1998. On this day, the City of Elba once again flooded. Fortunately, the water subsided quicker on this occasion and not nearly as much damage was done.

Despite the number of times the

City of Elba has flooded through the years, there has always been one constant. The people of Elba do not give up.

Following the 1929 flood, the townspeople joined forces and rebuilt. That was the same reaction the natural disaster received from Elbians again in 1990 and 1998. During clean up and rebuilding efforts of 1990, Elba followed one simple theme, "Everything Lost But We'll Be

Back Again!"

Today, Elba is going strong, and work is underway through the Army Corps of Engineers to rehabilitate the levee in a manner that should keep the rising waters of the river from harming the downtown area again. Once completed, the new levee will be much wider, taller and stronger and should be able to withstand the pressure of flood waters.



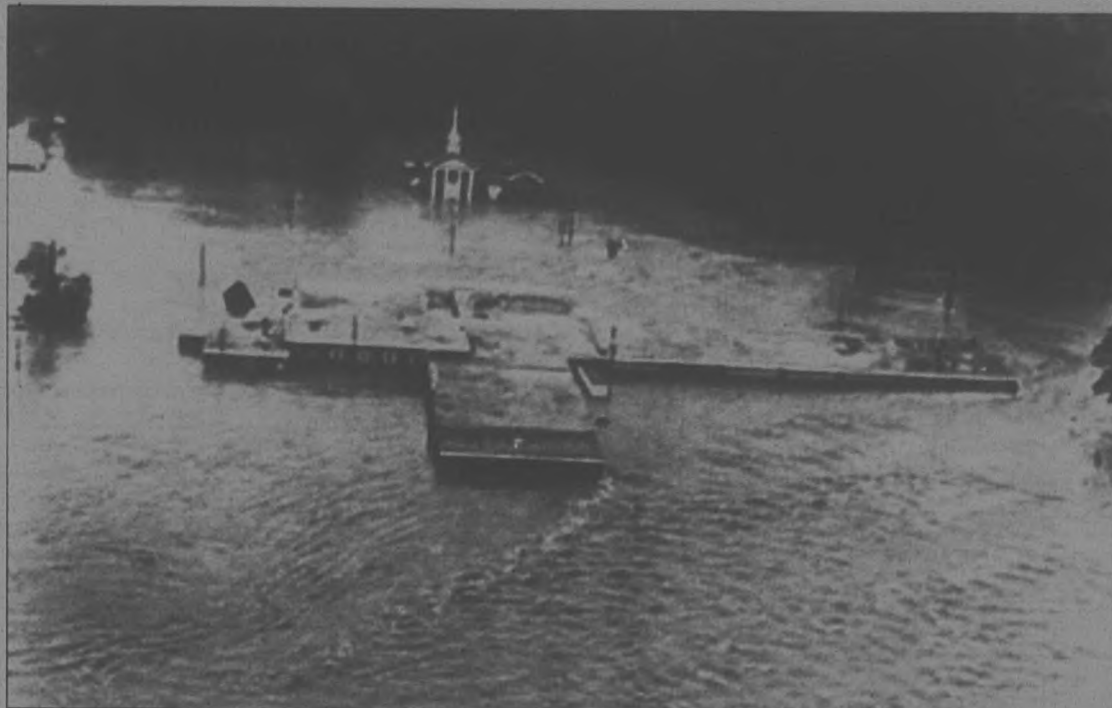
The Coffee County Courthouse during the 1990 flood of Elba



The only method of travel through Elba was by boat



As Ellen Lowery shows gloves & boots were necessary for cleanup



The levee broke just the other side of the old Elba Elementary School during the 1990 flood. Also shown in the background is the Elba Church of Christ.



Elba Methodist Church members worked together to clean up after the flood.



## Vivian Harper remembered for demonstrating courage during Elba Flood of 1929

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Natural disasters definitely test human courage, and often times unlikely candidates become recognizable heroes.

Vivian Harper showed an overwhelming amount of courage on the morning of March 14, 1929.

When the town of Elba flooded that morning after about 60 hours of rain, the citizens were forced to seek refuge in the second stories of their homes, on roof tops or in trees. However, Vivian Harper remained at her post as telephone operator to serve as a link for the flooding town and the outside areas. She remained at her station until every telephone in Elba had failed.

According to history, she first focused on warning the people of Elba of the danger from the flood-

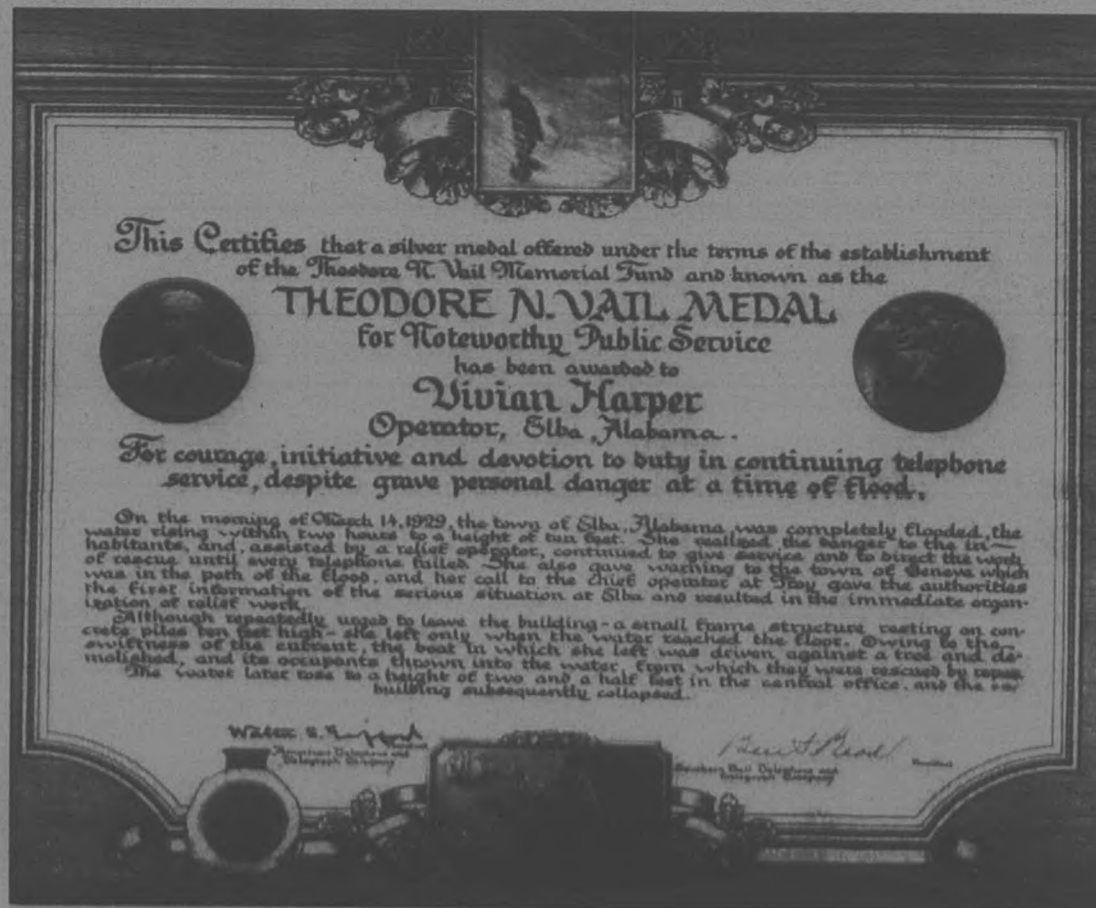
ing, as well as, their rescue efforts. Then, when she realized the seriousness of the situation, Mrs. Harper proceeded to warn the town of Geneva which also was in the path of possible flooding.

Finally, she contacted the chief telephone operator in Troy and delivered information of the disaster which allowed quick organization of relief work from outside the town. Only then did Harper leave her post and move out of harms way.

In recognition of her efforts, Harper was awarded the Theodore N. Vail Medal for Noteworthy Public Service. This award was presented to Harper for her courage, initiative and devotion to duty in continuing telephone service, despite grave personal danger at a time of flood.



The flood left these cars piled on top each other at Cook Chevrolet





## A look back at "Celebrate Elba 150" events held earlier in the year



## Weekend extravaganza highlights "Celebrate Elba 150"

The "Celebrate Elba 150" events concluded during the weekend of Oct. 10-12 with five events spread over the three days.

The weekend extravaganza began with a Prayer Breakfast held Friday morning, Oct. 10, at the Elba First Baptist Church, and later that day, merchants set up booths around the courthouse square and participated in a Business Exposition.

Saturday, Oct. 11, brought the "Celebrate Elba 150" Festival. Although everyone made the best of the day, rain took center stage and forced the event to end early, as well as the cancellation of the "150" parade.

Finally, Sunday, Oct. 12, citizens enjoyed a reception at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office in the afternoon, and later gathered at the Elba High School auditorium for a community church service followed by the "History of Elba Play" which was written and performed by Elba City School students.

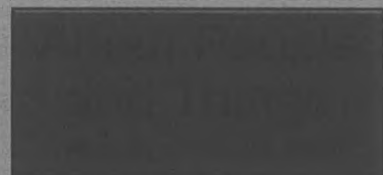
Here are scenes from those events beginning with Friday, Oct. 10:







Employees of Dorsey Trailers gather for a company photo in 1958...This photo definitely shows that the body style of trailers has changed over the years.



**APOLOGIES DUE**  
The Clipper hopes Jimmy Foley will accept this late notice of giving him credit for assisting in installing the Christmas lights around the square. He is always on the job Dec. 1 to see that the lights are properly installed and he is equally prompt to see that they are taken down and stored away by New Year's Day.

**OLD LANDMARK RAZED**  
What is known as the old Dr. Blue home, located on West Simmons Street, is being razed by the recent purchaser, Harry Bullard, who stated recently he has not definitely decided what he will do with the lot.  
Dr. J.D. (Button) Blue, built the house in 1898 and for many years it was one of the largest and best constructed residences in this area. It was also one of the most attractive. But it has served its purpose and will give way to progress.  
The site is one of the most desirably located of any in the city and will, no doubt, be utilized in a manner that will be advantageous to the neighborhood.



**The Elba Clipper - Thursday, December 22, 1953:** UGH!! That's a raw egg Charles Clark is cracking into a neophyte "E" Club member's mouth. As part of their initiation, athletes who have just earned their letter, parade around the square in their "long johns." Of late it has become a custom to stop at The Clipper office to get a picture taken. This year the older members decided to put some action into the picture - hence the raw egg.

**Did You Know...**The Centennial Edition of The Elba Clipper was published November 19, 1953?

## Snow Sunday Was Heaviest Since 1943

**The Elba Clipper**  
**Thursday, January 27, 1955**

Sunday, Jan. 23, 1955, will go down in Elba weather annals as "the day of the big snow." It began snowing early in the day and continued to fall throughout most of the day, the fleecy flakes resembling a real snow storm part of the time. It was estimated taht if the ground had been dry and the temperature a few degrees colder, the snow would have measured five or six inches deep.

Most of the snow melted as it fell but on grassy places, roofs and cars it accumulated to a depth of over two inches. It wa the first snow many young children had ever seen and they as well as older ones, made the most of it. Building snowmen, throwing snowballs and making snow ice cream were popular diversions. Wet feet from sloshing about through the slush were numerous.

The last previous comparable snowfall in this section was on Dec. 15, 1943, but it was not as havy as this one. At that time Supt. James C. Dixon dismissed

the Elba schools so pupils could play in the snow. The following cold weather caused snowmen and other snow accumulations to remain in evidence for two or three days. A lighter snowfall occurred about seven years ago. Oldtimers say that Sunday's snowfall was the heaviest since the record snow of 1899, where over a foot of snow covered all of South Alabama. It was the

heaviest of which there is any record. Many of our older citizens say they remember it well. Sunday's snow was of great benefit to winter crops, pastures and gardens. In talking with John Taylor Monday morning, he said conditions are shaping up favorably for spring planting and he is hopeful that Elba will have an early spring and favorable growing season.

## About People and Things

**The Elba Clipper**  
**Thursday, January 27, 1955**

**POWER PLANT OPERATES**  
W.B. Morgan, veteran operator at the Pea River Power Plant, stated Monday afternoon that the plant was able to operate more consistently during the past month than at any time for more than a year. He stated that recent rains caused water to pour over the dam for a day or so last week and there is still sufficient water to enable the plant to operate most of the time.

**ELBA IS DOTHAN "JINX"**  
In commenting on what the Dothan Eagle calls the "Dothan Jinx," the paper published a big picture of Roland Powell with the following remarks:  
"Elba leader - Main cog in the Elba Tiger offense is six-foot Roland Powell, who plays the pivot post. Powell, who leads the Elbans in scoring, and his mates will meet the Dothan Tigers in Elba tomorrow night. Elba has won 10 games and lost only one while the Dothan team shows a 4-5 mark over the season."



The Thursday, Nov. 21, 1963 edition of the Clipper highlighted a picture of Governor George C. Wallace in Elba. The outline read:  
**GOVERNOR GEORGE C. WALLACE ATTENDS WINDHAM POWER LIFTS OPEN HOUSE -** Governor Wallace arrived by plane at the Elba airport Friday afternoon. The plane coasted up the runway from the airport to the modern new building recently completed for the the Windham Power Lifts, Inc. Pictured here from left are F.F. Clark, vice-president; Paul Windham, president; Governor Wallace; Oscar Vaughan Jr., treasurer; J. Doug Kendrick, director. Other officers not pictured are Doctor E.M. Warr, secretary, and Luther Pope, director.  
A large crowd of well-wishers and prominent men of the State of Alabama and from elsewhere called during the afternoon and until about 8 o'clock in the evening.



Rain, rain and more rain welcomed everyone to the "Celebrate Elba 150" Festival on Saturday, Oct. 11.

Since Elba folks are no strangers to dealing with rain and its effects, those who weathered the day made the best of the circumstances, and enjoyed the fulfilled event.

The final day of events began with a reception at the new Elba Chamber of Commerce office on Sunday, Oct. 12. Citizens were able to reflect on the year's events while viewing the new chamber facility.

This page includes scenes from the very wet festival on Saturday, and the reception held Sunday afternoon.



## Only Confederate battle in Coffee County began in Elba

Submitted by  
Judge Marion B. Brunson, Sr.

During the early morning hours of September 3, 1863, the only battle of the war between the states in Coffee County began in Elba. Jim Ward, a leader of a group of renegades sought shelter in the swamps of Pea River. His followers were men who deserted and otherwise refused to serve in the Confederate army. Under his leadership, and his right-hand man, John Clark's help, this group lived off the good people of Elba and Coffee County. They stole their livestock and farm products, and terrorized the defenseless women and old people. All the able-bodied men were away in the army fighting for a cause in which they believed.

The Home Guard was in constant pursuit of Jim Ward, John Clark and the outlaws as they went about their tormenting activities. Several Raiders were wounded and some were captured which added to revenge tactics in the Elba area where most resi-

dents lived at that time (1861-1865). The raiders decided their best revenge would be derived from burning the Coffee County Courthouse, the centerpiece of Elba. The two-story wood structure on historic court square was surrounded with a picket fence and was an easy target for the crafty renegades.

Under the cover of darkness during the early morning hours of September 3, 1863, the group arrived in Elba to carry out their well-laid plans. They successfully burned the courthouse and the wooden bridge over Pea River. Then they crossed Tanyard Branch, heading south where they had been defeated by the Home Guard several months earlier.

Following the general course of Pea River the group traveled rapidly through darkness. They stopped to rest at Drake Eye, to allow their terrified and exhausted horses to also rest. The outlaws scattered themselves on the ground along the sides of the branch and were soon asleep.

Uncle Munley Hammonds, the

Elba night watchman sounded the alarm that the outlaws had burned the courthouse. The Home Guard rapidly assembled, led by Capt. Payne and Sheriff Robert Brooks. A gray mist and faint light of early dawn was approaching. Ward's Raiders were suddenly awakened to the sound of galloping horses and realized the Home Guard was on top of them. Jim Ward ordered his followers to scatter along the branch head and fight for their lives.

The fierce and bloody battle raged for about an hour on the battlefield about two acres in size. Jim Ward, felt no more loyalty to his raiders when he realized they were being defeated. He seized the first opportunity to restrict alone and left his outlaws to be captured or killed. Without a leader to give them orders, the group who were able, disappeared and the battle ended.

Coffee County soil was crimson with human blood. Only two members of the raiders were taken alive. John Clark and an unidentified raider. So few



While performing a "History of Elba" play, students of the Elba City Schools remembered the burning of the county courthouse in Elba on Sept. 3, 1863 by raiders. The play was the final event of "Celebrate Elba 150."

raiders survived until they never again posed a threat.

The Home Guard gathered up their four heroes who gave their lives at Battle Branch. This battlefield is located along the branch at the north end of the present day Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery in lower Coffee

County. Mile marker #19 is very near the site.

The four dead were: Sheriff Robert Peter Brooks, William Bell, Make Carmichael and Thomas Larkin. After each dead hero was tied across his horse, the procession began its return trip to Elba.

## Indians credited for naming Pea River

Submitted by  
Judge Marion B. Brunson, Sr.

Before the pioneers moved into the area, coming primarily from Georgia, the Carolinas, and Virginia, the Creek Indians named our river. They named it Talakhatchee: talak means pea and hatchee means small branch, creek or river in Creek Indian language. It is assumed the settlers refused the Indian name

Talakhatchee and used the English version, Pea River.

The Talakhatchee is a sister stream of the Choctawhatchee into which it flows. Choctawhatchee means Black Bird Creek in Creek Indian language. Pea River is about 120 miles in length. It originates in the southeast corner of Bullock County and travels through the counties of Bullock, Pike, Barbour, Dale, Coffee and Geneva. It connects with its sister

stream at Geneva, Alabama. Some 270,000 acres or 63 percent of Coffee County drains into Pea River and there are approximately fifty miles of the river in Coffee County. Pea River moves through Coffee County from the Northeast to the Southwest corner. It is not a large stream but it has served as an important waterway. It has claimed the lives of numerous area residents, however, it is a source of great pride.

Practically every generation has its own flood story about the Talakhatchee or Pea River to pass on. River towns were the first to be inhabited by the Pioneer settlers. Elba, as other river towns are "watermarked" with flood problems. The great love for Pea River continues to be a very significant part of the history of Elba.



Elba's Pea River continues to be one of the most recognizable sites within the city. When heavy rains hit the area and the river begins to rise, folks associated with Elba certainly take notice. Pea River received national attention a couple of times in the 90s when the levee surrounding downtown Elba broke and the city flooded.

Do You Remember  
When.....

The Elba City Pool was located next to the Pea River Boat Ramp just off the Old River Road?



Digging of the ditch for the sewer line installation around 1941...This picture was taken on the South side of the Earnest Owen residence. Those looking forward include Dock Harris, Charlie Bamberg and Bonnie L. Jacobs.



Old Sand Hill School



## From the headlines of *The Elba Clipper*...

### Doctor Bancroft Cooper - Elba's new general practitioner

**The Elba Clipper**  
Thursday, Aug. 29, 1963

Doctor Cooper is the son of Mrs. Nell B. Cooper of Elba and the late Robert L. Cooper Sr. His wife before their marriage was Doris Hildreth of Enterprise.

Doctor Cooper was born in Elba, Dec. 26, 1921. He graduated from Elba High School and served in the Air Force as a fighter pilot during World War II, received the Purple Heart, Air Medal with eight Oak Leaf Clusters and Distinguished Flying Cross. He entered the University of Alabama in 1945, and received a Bachelor of Science in 1949. He received the Master of Science degree in 1950. He was instructor at the University of Alabama for two years and completed his academic requirements for degree of Doctor of Philosophy before entering the University of Alabama Medical School in 1953.

After graduating he entered at Saint Vincents Hospital in



Dr. Cooper

Birmingham. He began practice in Elba and served on the medical staff at Greenlawn Hospital in

### Dorsey Trailers begins sales talk

**The Elba Clipper**  
Nov. 13, 1966

Officials of the Dorsey Corporation announced last week the company was pursuing the sale of Dorsey Trailers, Inc., and that the company was engaged in preliminary discussions with private investors regarding the terms of any such sale.

John T. Pollock, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the corporation, officially announced the sale talks on Thursday, Nov. 6, in a press release issued from corporate headquarters in Chattanooga,

Tenn.

In making the announcement, Pollock stated that while the discussions were underway with private investors, no sale agreement had been reached. Dorsey Trailers president George Collier, in a letter to all company employees, stated the proposed purchasers had stated plans to maintain Dorsey Trailers as a "viable cargo trailer manufacturer and to strengthen Dorsey's position in the marketplace."

Collier also noted the investors had indicated that present management and operations would continue in place at the Elba plant.

### Elba places at math tourney

**The Elba Clipper**  
March 9, 1978  
Black and Gold Review

On Friday, Feb. 24, 14 math students and their sponsors traveled to Birmingham for the 16th Invitational Mathematics Tournament held at Samford University on Saturday.

Ten team members - Julie Holliday, Chuck Mack, Ken Martin and Mike Rich, competed with students from approximate-

ly 35 other schools in Division II from Alabama on material selected from advanced algebra, geometry and trigonometry. The main part of the contest was a two-hour written test. In addition, there was a ciphering match involving one member from each team at a time.

Elba was awarded third place in Division II with Hanceville High receiving first place and West Point High receiving second place.

Atmore and Abernathy Hospital in Flomaton. His second year there he served as president of Escambia Medical Society.

He was recalled to active duty October, 1961 for one year during the Berlin Crisis and was on the medical staff at Martin Army Hospital at Fort Benning.

After being discharged he returned to Atmore for one year before returning to his hometown to serve as general practitioner for this area.

He is affiliated with Phi Chi Medical Fraternity.

## Elba landmark coming down fast

**The Elba Clipper**  
Thursday, Oct. 2, 1986

One of Elba's oldest and most historic downtown buildings will soon be only a memory as demolition crews continue to tear down the "May Building," a two-story brick building located at the corner of Court Avenue and Simmons Street.

Demolition crews moved in last week and began ripping away the front of the building, and by early this week passersby could look into the upper floor of the building that once housed numerous businesses and was a haven for city residents seeking refuge from the flood of 1929.

Bob English, present owner of the building, stated he did renovation work to the building in 1984 in hopes of attracting business to the aging edifice, but the age and appearance of the building made it impossible to locate a tenant, prompting him to demolish the building in hopes of getting a business to locate a new building on the site.

The building's original owner was a Dr. May, who later sold the building to Bartow Bullard, a druggist, who operated a drugstore in the downstairs portion of the building. The Brooks family later purchased the building and only recently sold it to English. The building has been unoccupied for a number of years due to severe leaks and structural damage.

Retired Judge Eris Paul was one of the building's early tenants as a young attorney, and remembered when the upstairs meeting room was headquarters for numerous civic organizations.



**The Elba Clipper - Dec. 14, 1989 - JIMMY THROWS THE SWITCH!!!!** Jimmy Foley is shown turning on the Christmas lights which decorate the square. Also pictured is Elba Mayor Fred Moore presenting Jimmy with his annual salary (\$10) for performing this important task. Jimmy has been doing this for quite some time now.

In 1929 the building served as a haven for approximately 60 residents when flood waters submerged the downtown area of Elba.

Residents stayed in the second floor of the building for three days, until the water subsided, then came down the wooden stairs to see what was left of the town. Judge Paul stated the water got to the top step of the stairs, but never got into the offices on the upper floor that served as a place of safety.

A spokesman for the demolition crew stated it would take between two - six months to complete that project, which should give the townspeople plenty of time to bid the piece of Elba history a farewell.



**The Elba Clipper - Thursday, Sept. 4, 1986 - WHERE'S THE DOVE?** Cena Hayes of Elba, September Calendar Girl at Enterprise State Junior College, is ready for hunting season. Cena, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Hayes III, is a sophomore at ESJC majoring in nursing.

## From the headlines of *The Elba Clipper*...

### McKinnon signs with Alabama A&M

**The Elba Clipper**  
Thursday, Feb. 19, 1987

Richard McKinnon, the all-time leading rusher in Elba football history, ended months of speculation last week when he signed a full 4-year football scholarship with Alabama A&M University, located in Huntsville.

McKinnon an All-State selection in 1986 at fullback, rushed for over 4,000 yards during his 3-year career with the Elba Tigers, and twice led the Tigers into the state championship game. During his senior year McKinnon gained 1,757 yards on 276 carries and scored 19 touchdowns, while also catching 10 passes for 149 yards.

"I was contacted by a number of major colleges, including Auburn and Tennessee," stated McKinnon, "but the new academic requirements would have resulted in a loss of a year of eligibility, and I wanted to play my freshman year. Alabama A&M has a fine football program and is a fine college. I am completely satisfied with my choice of schools and feel that A&M is the best place for me."

"I will major in criminal justice and join the ROTC program and after graduation probably go into a

branch of the service."

"Richard McKinnon is without a doubt the best fullback to play at Elba since I've been here and I know he'll make it in college," stated Elba's Coach Mack Wood.

"Richard is a great blocker, a great runner and a great competitor. He is a real player and played a vital

role in the success of our team the past three years."

"Richard will be a fullback in college and will be a good one. He's a good receiver and will do anything that's asked of him."

McKinnon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rubin McKinnon of Elba.



**Elba football standout Richard McKinnon** signs a full scholarship with Alabama A&M University, while his father, Rubin McKinnon, and Elba's Coach Mack Wood look on. McKinnon is Elba's all-time leading rusher with over 4,000 yards during his 3-year career.

**The Elba Clipper**  
Thursday, Dec. 7, 1989

STATE 3A CHAMPS WERE PRESENTED THEIR TROPHY in activities at the Elba High School on Tuesday afternoon of this week. The honor was won by the Elba Tiger football team last Friday night when they defeated T.M. Rogers by a score of 14-0 in Green Hill, Ala.

This coveted honor climaxed years of effort by the local team. The Tigers are regulars in the state playoff system but have never been crowned champions. They have made it to the final game twice during the past five years, only to be denied the ultimate win.

Tuesday afternoon the students gathered in the school gym and waited in anticipation as the cheerleaders led in several cheers, the band played a couple of tunes; then Principal Mickey McCollough turned the program over to Mr. Herman "Bubba" Scott of the Alabama Athletic Association, who was to make the

presentation.

Scott told the assembled group of students, teachers, coaches, parents and other supporters that the win was a "school effort". It takes the football team, the coaches, the cheerleaders, the teachers, student body and the fans to win a championship like this," Scott summed up his previous statement by saying it was a "community effort."

Shown above with the championship trophy are Scott, Elba head

coach Mack Wood and Principal Mickey McCollough.

Following the presentation to the school by Scott, Wood invited the members of the team to come forward, explaining they were the ones he wanted to have the award since it was them on the football field and not the coaching staff.

The trophy will be displayed in the school's trophy cases in the entrance to the gym. Each of the players will be eligible to wear an official championship ring.



**The Elba Clipper - Thursday, Sept. 25, 1986 - READY FOR TRIAL RUN...** Probate Judge Marion Brunson and county maintenance supervisor John Flowers step inside the new elevator at the Elba courthouse as Jimmy Foley prepares to push the button to see if the newly installed elevator is operational! The elevator is expected to be ready for the public this week and is located at the main entrance to the courthouse on the building's west side. Funds for the elevator were received from the state and the elevator was installed to provide access to the upstairs courtrooms for the elderly and handicapped.

### Elba Radio Company plans construction of new FM station

**The Elba Clipper**  
Thursday, Aug. 21, 1986

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Holderfield announce that Elba Radio Company has been granted a construction permit by the Federal Communications Commission to construct and operate an FM radio station in Elba.

The Class A station will operate on Channel 266 or 101.1 MHz. The studio will be co-located with WELB AM on N. Troy Highway, with the antenna on leased space on WKMX's tall tower near New Brockton. The antenna will be at 600 feet, making it 682 feet above average terrain.

"This should provide us with an exceptional signal for a Class A FM station," Holderfield said. The station is currently under construction with equipment being installed by the Holderfields' son, Michael, a technical consultant and chief engineer at a Dothan station.

"We should be on the air in the next few months," Mr. Holderfield stated. "We plan to program modern country music with a limit of 12 minutes of commercials per hour, and we'll provide the area with news, weather, sports and affairs information."





Governor James E. Folsom

## Elba remembers "Big Jim" Folsom as its native son

by Linda Hodge, Editor

When conversation turns to politics, or better yet, politicians in Elba, Ala., the name **Big Jim** comes to mind.

James E. "Big Jim" Folsom remains the only Coffee Countian to ever become governor of the state of Alabama, and Elba proudly calls him a native son.

Folsom was born Oct. 9, 1908. He was the youngest son of Joshua Marion and Eulalia Dunnivant Folsom. He graduated from Elba High

School in 1927 and attended college at the University of Alabama before transferring to Howard College. However, his collegiate days ended early as the flood of 1929 forced Big Jim to return home to help out on the family farm.

Sometime later, Folsom joined the Merchant Marines and worked various other jobs before finding his place in Alabama's political history.

Folsom first ran for governor in 1942 but came in second with votes; four years later, the outcome was much different.

During the 1946 election, Big Jim polled 60,000 more votes than his opponent.

During his first term as governor of Alabama (1947-51), the Folsom administration accomplished many feats including: 3,165.4 miles of road were hard-surfaced; \$49,659,000 was spent on road construction; the public welfare program more than doubled with the department administering a \$35 million program and 87,592 people drawing checks in comparison to 48,916 in 1947; aided education by increasing teachers' salaries an

average of \$600 per year and making available \$27,305,000 for school construction; expanded the state docks and terminals; increased state revenue 46.1% without levying a new tax or increasing an old one; distributed 40 million seedlings for reforestation; as well as making progress in many other departments of the state government.

Before leaving the political arena Big Jim served a second term as governor from 1955-59. He then returned to his home in Cullman, Ala., where he lived for the remainder of his life.

## Coffee County's history includes 14 Probate Judges

Fourteen citizens of Coffee County have served the people of the county as their Probate Judges over the last century and a half that the office has existed. Listed in chronological order is each Judge and a few comments about each.

### JAMES CLAXTON 1851-1856

He was one of five commissioners appointed to select a county seat. Judge Claxton was the only judge to serve in both the Wellborn and Elba courthouses.

An Elba City street is named in his honor. His Elba property was sold in 1860 and no further record of his death or leaving the county is known.

### PIERRE DARCY COSTELLO 1856-1862

Born in Dublin, Ireland, he came to New York with his parents. He served in the Mexican War and came to Alabama. He was appointed Probate Judge of Conecuh County, serving 1849-1850. He came to Elba after studying law, but was never a practicing attorney. In 1855 he married Cardelia Lee of Elba and they had several children, none of whom lived to maturity. Judge Costello organized Co. K 25th Alabama Infantry Regiment CSA. While Probate Judge he went to war and was severely wounded, and died, in the Battle of Murfreesboro on January 1, 1863 and he was buried on the battlefield. A monument in his memory is in the Shiloh Cemetery near Elba.

### BOLING W. STARKE 1862-1868

A native of Virginia and an attorney. He served in the Mexican War and came to Elba in 1861. He was Adjutant General of the 18th Alabama Infantry Regiment CSA. He was severely wounded at Shiloh and sent back to Elba. On May 24, 1862 he was elected Probate Judge and served one term. He later moved to Troy where he died in 1901.

### BARTIMUS M. WEEKS 1868-1874

The first Coffee County native and Republican to be elected to the office. He was a farmer and lived in the Weeks Bridge area. Judge Weeks was to old to serve in the Confederate army. He died on August 1, 1882 and he is buried in the McGhee Cemetery near New Brockton.

### DANIEL GILLIS 1874-1878

Severed in the Confederate Army and was wounded in the right knee at Gettysburg which caused a wooden leg to be used. He lived at Clintonville when elected but soon moved to Elba. He is the only Probate Judge in Coffee County history to die in office. He died on May 7, 1878 and he is buried in the Springhill Cemetery in Pike County, Alabama.

### BENJAMIN M. STEVENS 1878-1892

He was appointed Probate Judge by Gov. George Houston after Judge Gillis' death. He was elected in 1880 and 1886. The

Texas native was a confederate soldier, Baptist minister and ditch digger by trade. He studied law and was an Elba attorney. Judge Stevens married Josephine Jordan of Elba. His death occurred on November 2. He and his wife are both buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Elba.

### FRANCIS MARION RUSHING 1892-1904

Born January 5, 1833 in Montgomery, Alabama. He came to Elba in 1855 and was probate clerk for Judge Costello while he was away in the Confederate Army. In August 1892 F.M. Rushing was elected Probate Judge. He read medicine and graduated from the University of Louisiana and began his medical practice in Elba. Dr. Rushing was a surgeon for the 25th Alabama Infantry Regiment, CSA. Due to ill health he returned to Elba and was part of the Home Guard. He was elected Representative in 1878 and Senator 1880. He served two terms as Probate Judge. He is buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Elba, Alabama.

### SAMUEL N. ROWE 1904-1923

He was elected Probate Judge of Coffee County in 1904 and was re-elected twice more, serving 18 years in office. He was in the General Mercantile business in Elba until he became Probate Judge. His death occurred in 1925, two years after leaving office.

### JEFFERSON ALBERT

### CARNLEY 1923-1941

This Coffee County native had many interests. He was a school teacher, twice elected Superintendent of Education in Coffee County, earned a law degree from the University of Alabama in 1904; three times elected to the State Legislature from Coffee County; and earned three terms as Probate Judge of Coffee County. He died at age 81 in 1954, he and his wife Mary Olive Ray are both buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Elba, Alabama.

### JOHN W. BROCK 1941-1947

Born March 11, 1893 in New Brockton, Alabama he was a son of Hugh and Leva Watson Brock. They owned the first residence and are considered to be the founders of New Brockton. Judge Brock was elected Probate Judge in 1941 and served one term after serving as Circuit Clerk for one term. He was cashier and a director of Elba Exchange Bank before his political career. He married Lillie Jones of New Brockton where Judge and Mrs. Brock are buried.

### JAMES OSCAR ENGLISH 1947-1971

Born at Damascus and married Clyde Kimmey of Elba where they made their home. He was a school teacher; worked for the ACL Railroad; was in the General Mercantile business in Elba for many years. He served on the Coffee County Board of

Education and was a mayor of Elba. He became Probate Judge in Alabama when he retired in 1971 at age 84. He and Mrs. English are buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Elba, Al.

### JAMES R. SAWYER 1971-1983

Born in the Bethany Community of Coffee County. He began his political career as Tax Collector of Coffee County and was elected twice as Probate Judge, serving twelve years. He retired in 1983 with a 22-year career in public service in Coffee County. He married Forrest Jones of Enterprise where they live and have two sons, James Mace and Barry Thomas.

### MARION BAILEY BRUNSON 1983-1995

Was elected on January 17, 1983, as the thirteenth Probate Judge of Coffee County. He had retired after serving 31 years in education as a high school and elementary school principal. He married Nancy Elizabeth Cowart of Troy and they have two sons, Marion Bailey Brunson, Jr. and Charles Matthew Brunson. Since retirement in 1995, Marion and Nancy make their home on Brunson Hill in Elba, Alabama.

### WILLIAM O. GAMMILL 1995-PRESENT

After a successful military career he was elected Probate Judge of Coffee County in 1995 and is the present Judge. He married Cathy Kelsoe of Enterprise where they make their home and have three children.

## Through the Years: A collection of photos submitted for publication



Elba Marching Tiger Band at Homecoming Parade in early 80s



FFA group from Mulberry School



Sherry (Kelley) Misenerdino in 1983 Homecoming Parade



Mrs. Martin's first grade class in 1953 Homecoming Parade



Mary Alice (Kelley) Crowell seated on a 1954 Chevy at the old Elba High School



Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie L. Jacobs and family in 1950s



Earnestine (Tina) Kelley Morgan on courthouse square in front of Elba Movie Theatre in 1952.



Jacobs Family (Approximately 1918) Front Row - Vallie Martin Jacobs, William Franklin Jacobs, Harry Banard Jacobs; Back Row - Jessie Mae (Scoggins) Dial, Annie Levada (Scoggins) Bailey and Bonnie L. Jacobs.



Jacobs Boys in early 1900s...Vallie, Harry, Bonnie and William F. Jacobs



Owen Family (Early 1900s) Seated - Josephine Ora Lee (Owen), married Frank Lunsford; Ruth Ann Owen; Mamie Jerusha (Owen), married William Franklin Jacobs; Martha L. (Wright) Owen; Unknown; George W. Owen; Standing - Earnest Linwood Owen, married Lila Parker; (child) Era L. Lunsford; William Theophanes W.T. (Jack) Owen (right of child)



## Elba's Brunson Reunion recognized as oldest county tradition

Submitted by  
Judge Marion B. Brunson, Sr.

The oldest tradition in Coffee County is the Brunson Reunion which celebrated its Sesquicentennial this year. This legacy began in 1853 when Matthew Brunson and his wife, Sarah Blanchard, moved their family here; he drew three land lots into twelve year old Coffee County. Their children were: Josiah Pinckney, Matthew II, Silas, Eugene, John, Anna - who died without issue - and Sarah "Sally" who married La Fayette Morgan.

This historic Brunson Reunion began in 1853, the year that Elba was incorporated and the Elba United Methodist Church was assigned its first pastor. A century and a half later all three of these continue their activities here in Elba and these are the three celebrating their Sesquicentennial Anniversaries this year.

Matriarch, Sarah Blanchard

Brunson was the first hostess for the reunion which continues to be a birthday celebration for her husband, Patriarch Matthew Brunson. After Matthew died in 1877, their son, Matthew II and his wife, Nancy Elizabeth Brooks, assumed sponsorship of the Reunion where it continued to be held until 1898 when Arthur Brunson assumed sponsorship - with his wives, Victoria DuBose and Zelma Rowe.

When Arthur Brunson moved his family to Elba in 1918, the Reunion came with him and continued to be sponsored by him until his death in 1935. Arthur's first cousin, Will Brunson and his wife, Annie Rushing, assumed sponsorship and the Reunion was held at his Brunson Hotel until his death. Ben Brunson and his wife, Lena Hammond and daughter, Teresa assumed leadership until his death in 1951. He developed a picnic area behind Evergreen Cemetery for the Reunion to be held.

Fox Brunson and his wife Mary Bailey and their son, Marion Brunson assumed sponsorship and developed a picnic area on the family farm here in Elba where it has been held for more than half a century, from 1951 until 2003.

After Fox died in 1977, Marion and his wife, Nancy Cowart and their two sons, Bailey and Matt, have sponsored and celebrated Matthew Brunson's birthday each April.

A new Reunion shelter was built in 2002 at the family picnic area where it has been held since 1951. Matt Brunson designed and built the new facility.

For one hundred fifty years this tradition has been held, never canceled or postponed. The 2003 Reunion was attended by more than 500 from ten states as this historic family celebrated their Sesquicentennial.

This page features pictures from the Sesquicentennial reunion of the Brunson family.



## From the headlines of The Elba Clipper...

### Elba City Pool Draws Big Crowd Daily



The Elba Clipper  
June 7, 1973

The Elba City Pool draws 75-100 people each day to swim and play in its cold waters. From toddlers to high schoolers and adults, there's room for all. But, as the sign says "Adults must stay with children under 7."

The pool is open from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday (closed on Monday and Friday at 3:30 for cleaning); 12:00 Noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays. Cost is \$0.25 under 16 years of age and \$0.35 over 16. Drinks, cookies, candies, etc. are available for refreshment.

Roland Powell is in charge of the pool; his daughter, Susan, serves as lifeguard.

Swimming lessons will begin Tuesday, June 12, for children in grades 1, 2, and 3 of the 1972-73 school year. One class is set for 5-6 p.m.; the next class from 6-7 p.m. each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Parents may register their children at the pool any time between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The Elba City Pool is part of the Elba Recreation Program. Alvin Cordell, director.

Thanks for  
ALL the  
Memories  
Through Our  
Years!!



The award received by Vivian Harper received much well-deserved attention



The Elba Clipper : Thursday, May 8, 1997 - NINETY-FOUR YEARS YOUNG...Whitman Drug was a busy place last Friday afternoon as friend after friend dropped by to wish Dr. John Kimmey a happy birthday. He was 94-years-old. Several of the ladies had cooked cakes and there was plenty of coffee and soft drinks for all. Although Dr. Kimmey can't see as well as he used to, he still gets around pretty good for a senior citizen. During his years of practice, Doc delivered hundreds of babies in Elba and Coffee County. A good time was had by all with Dr. Kimmey enjoying the celebration most of all. He loves people.

### Seven year old credited with saving mother's life

The Elba Clipper  
Thursday, Nov. 14, 1996

Seven year old Marie Boswell is credited with saving her mother's life last week.

Jackie Bundy reports she was in a Dothan restaurant at lunch with her daughter on Monday, Nov. 4.

When she began choking over a piece of meat lodged on her throat, Marie recognized the symptoms and immediately began actions to dislodge the food.

Her actions are credited with saving her mother's life or at least the fast reaction prevented her mother from having to spend a long tour in intensive care at the hospital.

Her mother credits the knowledge of what to do in the emergency to their regular watching of the television show Rescue 911.

### Snow

Snow came to our town, It started with sleet, then snow came down; Pictures were taken, and games were played, Soon all of town was half unmade; Snowmen were built with great success, Put them it started melting, and oh! What a mess!

by Lynn Whitehurst  
Elba, AL  
Age 12



## Elba's new school complex taking shape

The Elba Clipper  
Thursday, May 30, 1991

Progress on the new school complex, as shown in this aerial photograph, had moved along slightly ahead of schedule until recent rains halted work on the high school foundation pad.

However, contractors continue to show moderate progress on the elementary school in spite of muddy conditions. The northwest wing of the elementary school (grades 4-5 and 6) now has a roof on it, and work is being done inside the classrooms. The south-east wing of the elementary school (grades 1, 2 and 3) has slab poured and 75% of the walls are standing. The center area of the elementary school which houses administrative office, media center, commons area (cafeteria), gym and kindergarten is showing its shape with metal columns and trusses

now in place. If weather permits, the basic structure of the total elementary school should be in place by mid-summer.

The high school structure should begin to take shape soon. Grading will be completed in a few days, depending on weather conditions. Pouring of retaining walls for the gym area has been completed and other foundation work is planned in the near future, again as weather permits. Grading work for the practice fields and parking lots should be finished by the end of this week.

Even though the recent rains have slowed construction considerably, excitement continues to grow as the project takes shape. Several weeks of decent weather could put construction back on schedule and school officials still hope construction will be finished by the beginning of the 1992-1993 school year.



**NEW SCHOOL** construction continues to move forward in spite of the rainy weather. Above is an aerial view of the elementary school looking Southwest. The Highway 84 entrance to the complex will be from the upper left of the photo.



**The Elba Clipper - Thursday, October 12, 1995 - EVERYBODY PITCHES IN DURING CLEAN UP**...even Miss Elba India Lawless. She was caught unaware by the photographer as she struggled with a limb that was larger than her. This was typical as everyone worked to clean up the fallen debris in the aftermath of Hurricane Opal.

### Do You Remember When...

*The Elba Jaycees sponsored a Haunted House for Halloween each year?*



**The Elba Clipper - Thursday, July 29, 1999 - FINAL SCENE FILMED**...It just wouldn't be a Hollywood production without the climax! In the scene captured above, police officers and other emergency personnel unload boxes of bottled water that were trucked in by Miller Brewing after the flood of 1990. To recreate a downpour of rain during stormy weather, RSA Productions used special effects equipment and rain towers. And, just like most of the scenes filmed here last week, the scene above stars none other than the "hometown folks" of Elba. The production company spent most of last week in various locations of Elba trying to recreate the feeling of the destructive flood and the recovery efforts that followed. When completed, the commercials will be used by Philip Morris USA, the owner of Miller Brewing, Philip Morris Tobacco and Kraft. Elba after the 1990 disaster, will be used for some advertising, as well as, documentation for the company's shareholders and employees.

## Elba students "play" tribute to city's 150 years of history

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The "Celebrate Elba 150" events concluded Sunday evening, Oct. 12, with a service at the Elba High School auditorium. The two-part event began with a community-wide church service in which local pastors led the crowd in song and worship.

Celebrate Elba 150 committee members said they felt it was important to end the yearlong celebration in the same manner it began by focusing on the community's strong religious background.

Following this service, citizens were treated to a special presentation as several Elba City School students performed the "History of Elba" play.

The play was written by ninth grade advanced English students and revolved around one of the city's most famous characters...Uncle Charlie Porter.

History reveals that Charlie Porter was born into slavery but became free and lived the remainder of his life in a shack outside Elba. Porter was famous for carrying his croker sack around town and was an "expert" on the hap-



**The History of Elba Play** revolved around stories being told by Uncle Charlie Porter.

penings of Elba and its people. At the time of his death, Uncle Charlie was believed to be 120-years-old.

The "History of Elba" play focused on Uncle Charlie's character revealing important Elba events to interested listeners.

The remembrance of Elba's past began with a look at the burning

of the county courthouse by raiders, and also focused a bit on slavery.

Another famous Elbian discussed her unusual marriage as the play also featured the character of Alberta Martin, the oldest living Confederate Widow, explaining why a young girl would marry a man in his 80s all those many years ago. According to Martin's character it was more a marriage of convenience than anything else. Yet today, it has made Martin one of Elba's most famous citizens.

Next, the play explained how Elba became Elba as students reenacted the hat drawing in which the name Elba was drawn.

Another character mentioned in the play was Governor Jim Folsom, who was born and raised in Elba. However, the most compelling character to visit Uncle Charlie during the play was without a doubt Jimmy Foley.



**The 60s were more than just peace and love** for Elba citizens as they celebrated the homecoming of POW Ben Ringsdorf from the Vietnamese Conflict.

There is probably no Elba citizen, past or present, who does not remember this special person who

loved his hometown dearly. Of course, Jimmy's most recognizable position each year came during the holiday season when he would be responsible for turning on the Christmas lights around town.

Finally, no play focusing on Elba's history would be complete without mentioning the floods. The students discussed these natural disasters which have tested the people of Elba time and time again; however, they also reminded everyone that "tough times don't last, but tough people do."

The play ended with a few remarks that suit the city and people very well. "Elba is 150-years-old and still going strong...What other town could offer such a vast array of influential citizens."

*We Salute the Students on J.E.L. Will Love!!!*



**The most touching part of the play** was the remembrance of Elba's beloved Jimmy Foley. Jimmy is most remembered for always turning on the Christmas lights around town during the holiday season.



**The play also paid tribute to Elba's own Alberta Martin**, the oldest living Confederate widow.



**The cast of The History of Elba Play**



## Hats off to everyone who helped make Elba's Sesquicentennial Celebration possible

by Linda Hodge, Editor

When the "Celebrate Elba 150" events began back in April, it seemed like forever before we would reach the conclusion. Now, that time has come and gone, and we're left looking back in reflection.

It was a year filled with events planned not only to help everyone remember Elba's rich history, but also to have a bit of fun while remembering.

From the Fun Run/Walk and Youth Fishing Tournament to the George Jones Concert and Sesquicentennial Ball, citizens were offered an array of events to keep things happening in Elba.

Of course, a celebration of Elba's history would not have

been complete if the rain had not visited a time or two throughout the year. After all, Elba is famous for dealing with the effects of rain.

The "Celebrate Elba 150" Festival was the most effected by the rain; however, Elba folks have proven time and time again that it takes more than a little rain to keep us down. So, the rain coats went on and the umbrellas opened up as everyone made the best of the situation.

On a side note, I personally believe the planning committee made an excellent move when they chose to hold the "History of Elba" play as the last event. It was by far my favorite event from the year.

For those who were unable to attend, the play was written and

performed by Elba City School students, and each and every student should be commended.

It was not hard to see that these students had spent a lot of time working on the play from researching Elba's history during the writing process to getting to know the character one was portraying, and I can't think of a better way for the celebration to have ended!

As for us here at the newspaper, we wanted to pay tribute to Elba and its citizens throughout the past 150 years. Therefore, we chose to salute the past with this Sesquicentennial edition of the paper.

It was not an easy task thanks to those pesky floods of the 90s, but with the help of our citizens, we

were able to compile enough information to complete the paper. Unfortunately, there are still many, many important events missing from our collection, but we hope the ones we have will jog someone's memory of former events and bring a smile to their face.

As for me, it has been an honor to work on this paper. I have always been proud to call Elba my home, and researching the past for this edition of the newspaper has only helped my admiration for the city and its people to grow.

One day someone will look back on our present day here in Elba, and I only hope they will be as proud of our accomplishments as we are of the ones before us.

This edition of the paper is dedicated to anyone and everyone who calls Elba home or has a special place for it in their heart. It is filled with stories and pictures from the past, as well as, scenes from this year's 150th celebration.

We hope you enjoy remembering what has taken place through the years, and keep tomorrow's memories with you always.

Again, thanks to everyone who helped make this edition of the paper possible - past and present. And, a special thank you to every one who shared their pictures, stories and other artifacts with us. We certainly could not have done it without you!!

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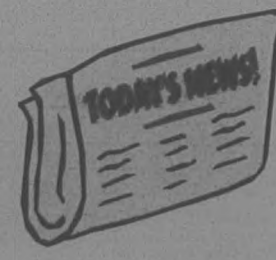
icated to anyone and everyone who calls Elba home or has a special place for it in their heart. It is filled with stories and pictures from the past, as well as, scenes from this year's 150th celebration.

We hope you enjoy remembering what has taken place through the years, and keep tomorrow's memories with you always.

# Congratulations, Elba on 150 Years of History

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We hope you've enjoyed this Sesquicentennial Edition



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## Elba Criminal Jury term of court held

A criminal jury term of court was held at the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba recently with all three Circuit Judges (i.e. Judge Thomas E. Head III, Judge Steven Blair and Judge Bill Barr) present for the purpose of bringing the cases to resolution.

District Attorney Gary J. McAlley, who serves the Twelfth Circuit as its chief law enforcement officer, said he was "...very satisfied so many felony cases were resolved during the Elba criminal jury term of court." He praised "...local law enforcement officers for their hard work and professional excellence in bringing so many criminals to justice."

Those cases resolved are as follows:

• Tennyson Bender, a former Elba Work Release inmate, was declared guilty of willful failure of inmate to remain in extended limits of confinement and was sentenced by Judge Barr to three months in the Coffee County Jail.

• Tony Terrell Burks was declared guilty of attempted burglary in the third degree and was sentenced to one year in the Coffee County Jail; sentence was suspended and defendant was placed on two years probation.

• Paul David Carr was declared guilty of possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine and was sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary with a requirement that he serve three years of said sentence before being released on three years probation. He was also ordered to pay fines of \$1,100 and his driver's license was suspended for six months.

• Jeffery Craig Chappell's case was to be dismissed on payment to the victim of \$31,000 in damages.

• Charles Edward Jones was

found guilty by a jury of the unlawful manufacture of a controlled substance, methamphetamine. Judge Barr set sentencing for a later date.

• Jerry Edward Rollin was declared guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia and was sentenced to one year in the Coffee County Jail. He was ordered to complete a substance abuse program as recommended by the court referral officer. His sentence was suspended, and he was placed on one year probation.

• Rebecca Lynn Atwell was declared guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia and was sentenced to one year in the Coffee County Jail. Her sentence was suspended, and she was placed on one year probation.

• Jeffery Wayne Parker was declared guilty of unlawful possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine and was sentenced by Judge Head to 15 years in the state penitentiary with a requirement that he serve three of those years. He was also ordered to pay fines of \$1,100.

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## Kinston's Madison Weeks crowned Little Miss National Peanut Festival

The title of Little Miss National Peanut Festival came home to Coffee County Saturday evening, Oct. 18, when Little Miss Kinston Madison Weeks was crowned.

Weeks is the daughter of Allen and Christy Weeks of Kinston and was named Little Miss Kinston earlier this year.

Other winners from last weekend's competition included: first runner up Mallory Myhill, Little Miss Sneads; second runner up Carrie-Grace Platt, Little Miss Dothan; third runner up Josie Gagliano, Little Miss Ashford; photographic winner Abigail Burgess, Little Miss Headland; interview winner Carrie-Grace Platt, Little Miss Dothan; congeniality winner Callie Lynn Gullege, Little Miss Skipperville; and pres-



Little Miss National Peanut Festival Madison Weeks

ence/personality winner Carrie-Grace Platt, Little Miss Dothan.

## FLY-IN set for Saturday, Oct. 25, at Elba's Carl Folsom Airport

EAA Chapter 351 and WING NUTS, Inc. have scheduled a FLY-IN for Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Carl Folsom Airport in Elba.

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) is an organization of aviation enthusiasts with national headquarters in Oshkosh, Wis. This group of people are all aviation lovers who frequently get together to rebuild historic aircraft, build new "homebuilt" aircraft or do just about anything related to building or flying aircraft. The EAA has several hundred thousand members in the USA and around the world.

EAA Chapter 351 was founded May 1970, and its members hail from several of the neighboring Alabama and

Florida communities with Enterprise having the strongest representation.

WING NUTS, Inc. is a local business at the airport. The company specializes in tube and fabric aircraft repair to complete restoration or antique aircraft. However, experimental and other aircraft of metal and composite construction can be found under repair or restoration. Mike Haynes operates Wing Nuts, Inc.

The FLY-IN is simply a gathering of aviation enthusiasts who fly their aircraft into the host airport to get together for a day of aviation activities.

There will definitely be quite a few aircraft to see flying and displaying on the ground, but this is not an air show and no

aerobatic performances are scheduled.

These people come to enjoy a common interest in aviation and talk about airplanes. Many do not own airplanes or even fly. They just come because they are

enchanted with airplanes and flying.

If interested in aviation and not too shy to ask questions it

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## Standard Time



Don't Forget to Turn Your Clocks  
Back One Hour Saturday Night!

## Elba set to host upcoming CCAA event "Letters from the Front"

As part of its 30th Anniversary season, the Coffee County Arts Alliance will present "Letters from the Front" Tuesday evening, Oct. 28, from the Elba High School auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Letters from the Front is the story of feisty writer Katharine Harigrove and radio comic Johnny Chastain, the oddest of couples, as they try to forge a relationship in the midst of a world at war.

Woven into the plot are ACTUAL letters from every major American conflict from Valley Forge to Afghanistan.

Through laughter, tears, music and dance, "Letters from the Front" brings audiences face to face with what people stand for

not only as Americans, but as human beings.

"Letters from the Front" is written by Robert Rector and produced by Marsha Roberts.

Rector-Roberts Productions has brought its International Theatrical Company to audiences during 10 national and four overseas tours and has visited 170 military installations.

This performance is made possible in part by a grant from The Alabama State Council On the Arts.

Individual tickets for the Coffee County Arts Alliance performances may be purchased in Enterprise at David's West

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**GROUND BREAKING CEREMONIES** for the new Julian Bryan Taylor Diagnostic Laboratory building were held Tuesday morning at the 203 Bypass Street site. The new, modern facility will be located immediately behind the present lab building. This old building will be removed once the new building is completed and occupied.

Commissioner Ron Sparks, of the State of Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries, was present and stressed the importance of this facility to South Alabama and to farmers throughout the state. The commissioner, who committed to making this new facility a reality during his statewide campaign for the office two years ago, also thanked his predecessor, former Commissioner Charles Bishop, Alabama Senator Jimmy Holley, Representative Terry Spicer, Mayor James Grimes, U. S. Senators Richard Shelby and Jeff Sessions, U. S. Representative Terry Everett and all those who have worked at the facility during the past 40 years for their efforts in making it all come to this point and for working to make it what the facility promises to be for the future.

The staff should be in the new building before Christmas 2004. R & S Contracting of Headland is the general contractor for the project. Actual construction is expected to get underway within the next week.



A scene from "Letters from the Front"

## Miss contestants set to compete for National Peanut Festival title

Miss Elba Anna Anderson and Miss Zion Chapel Whitney Stephens will represent their communities Friday, Oct. 24, and Saturday, Oct. 25 at the National Peanut Festival competition.



Miss Zion Chapel Whitney Stephens



Miss Elba Anna Anderson

## Area Happenings

**THE 2003 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON** continues Friday, Oct. 24, as the Elba Tigers host Clarke County; the New Brockton Gamcocks host Wicksburg; the Kinston Bulldogs host Pleasant Home; the Zion Chapel Rebels travel to Cottageville; and the Brantley Bulldogs host Florida.

**THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** will hold its regular bimonthly meeting Monday, Oct. 27, at 9 a.m., in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

**THE ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** will present "Pumpkins on the Square" Thursday, Oct. 30, on the square in downtown Elba from 5:30 - 7 p.m. Candles will be given to youngsters dressed in costume. Hay rides will also be provided.

**ELBA HIGH SCHOOL'S** annual Homecoming Parade will be Friday, Oct. 31, at 3 p.m. The deadline for submitting parade entries is Thursday, Oct. 30, at 12 Noon. Call Elba High School (337-2266) to submit entries. Parade participants should meet behind the old high school at 1:30 p.m. for line-up assignments. For more information, please see the Tiger Tales page.

**TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS** for the Town of New Brockton will be Friday, Oct. 31, from 5 - 7 p.m.



**CHICKENS EXPERIENCE UNEXPECTED TURN OF EVENTS...** Chickens were everywhere Tuesday morning, Oct. 21, after a truck carrying approximately 7,000 birds overturned on Coffee County Road 239 in the Woodland Grove community, near the intersection with County Road 233. The truck, owned by Wayne Farms, was driven by Michael Coppage, and was transporting the load of chickens to a local processing plant when the accident occurred. As can be seen above, containers and chickens scattered all along the side of the road after the truck turned over. Coppage was transported by emergency personnel to a local hospital to receive treatment for what was considered to be minor injuries. Responding to the scene were units from the Coffee County Sheriff's Department and the Elba Fire Department. The accident was investigated by Alabama State Trooper Glen Furukawa.